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GOOD FOOD, GOOD COMPANY
The Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner, sponsored by the Telstar High School National Honor Society, took place Sunday in the school cafeteria. Attendees braved high winds and cold temperatures to share a warm meal together. Pictured at the table are, from left, Carolyn Gould, Doris Mills, Becky Keen, Nancy Willard, Ruth Haselton, and Ruth Perham.
A. Aloisio

Sharon Hutchins was 'born to serve' Woodstock mulls new ball fields

By DEBORAH RAFFORD

Sharon Hutchins of Andover is one of three New Englanders featured this month in a Yankee Magazine story entitled "Angels Among Us," about people who serve their communities.

She says she was born to serve others, and she has racked up the fundraising results to prove it.

Born in Bethel and the eldest of six, Hutchins and her siblings grew up on Grover Hill, playing in the woods and climbing

trees.

"We used to lay and watch the clouds," she said. "We tried to make the clouds look like different things, and we could only use 'popcorn' twice. Imagination was a great thing back then."

One of her earliest memories was of coming home from visiting up the road. "I was riding piggy back on my dad, and I can remember his black and red wool coat, and watching the clouds pass by the moon. There was such a sense of security right

then," she said. "My mom told me I was 18 months old at the time."

The kids all had the responsibility of taking care of the house and each other while their parents worked. "As we grew up, I was the junior mom," said Hutchins. "I kept an eye on them and got meals ready. Dad worked in the woods or drove truck. He worked for Andover Wood Products. The family would pile in the car after supper and go look for bunnies or deer."

They also visited friends

and relatives.

Hutchins attended the Ethel Bisbee School from K-3, enjoying Mrs. Ethel Bisbee, Mrs. Giles, Hazel Wheeler and Maxine Brown, then attended Crescent Park from grades four to eight.

"There were so many physical changes made to Crescent Park over the years," she said.

"We moved to Andover my freshman year, and I worked at the Andover Telephone Company as an operator and general store clerk my junior and

senior years. It was amazing to be right next to the biggest communication center in the world when they put up Telstar [satellite station] in 1961, and we were a ring-down magnet telephone system. Our private line was 50."

"The world is a lot bigger for kids today," said Hutchins. "There was secretarial, vocational and college" classes offered to us in high school, and there weren't many options offered for young

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By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock officials last week pondered the potential for up to two new ball fields on town land across from the swimming beach at Lake Christopher.

Selectmen met with Fred Johnson of the Recreation Committee to discuss ideas for improving the town's baseball/softball facilities.

There are currently two baseball fields located on Route 26 just north of Bryant Pond Village.

But, said Johnson, neither is a regulation-size field for softball.

He said other towns' teams play Woodstock's there, but only in the regular season.

Johnson said championship games are offered to towns to host. "We'd like to take them but we can't," he said.

Maxfield asked about the possibility of creating a new field on Lakeside Drive, where a playground is currently located on 2+ acres.

"Is that a multi-thousand dollar project?" he asked.

"I would say in the long run, quite possibly," said Johnson. "But it doesn't have to be done all at once."

"If we could get one field operable," he said, other improvements, such as dugouts, could follow later.

He speculated that significant groundwork, including leveling and drainage, would be needed.

Johnson said he believes there is enough space for two ball fields.

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Nancy Brown's haying story chosen for book

By AMY CHAPMAN

"Hay Day," by Nancy Brown of Bethel, was chosen as one of 12 short stories by Maine writers to be included in the recently released book, Summer Stories, which also features a series of paintings by Maine artist Leslie Anderson of Portland.

Local residents will recognize both the places and some of the cir-

cumstances in Brown's story, which takes place as Tropical Storm Irene is bearing down on the Bethel area in late August of 2011.

Brown, who serves as the Citizen's Bethel correspondent, grew up in town and graduated from Gould Academy. She left the area after high school and lived in several cities around

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Too many speeders; speed limit too slow

By ALISON ALOISIO

One resident complained about the chain of command for handling speeding in Bethel.

Another suggested the speed limit on one road should be raised.

Selectmen agreed that in both cases the best course of action was hands off.

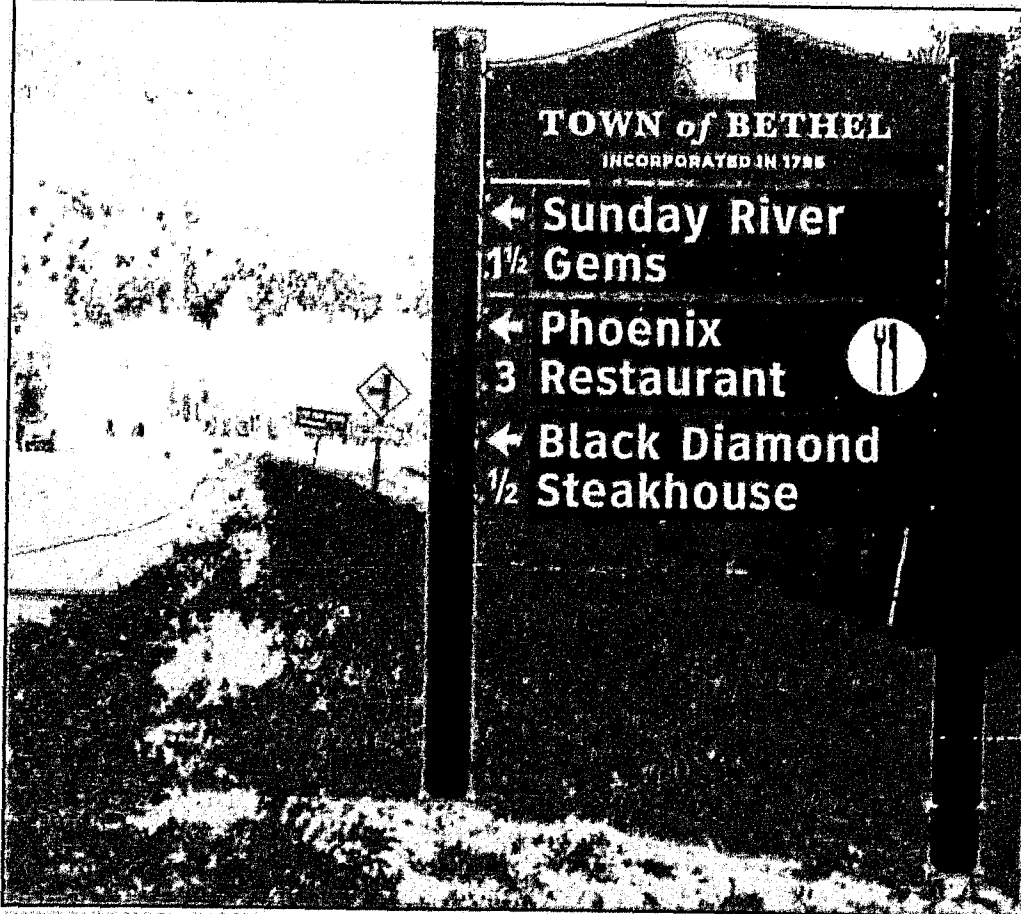
At last week's selectboard meeting resident Joe Halliwell said he had talked to Town Manager Jim Doar about people driving too fast in Bethel.

Doar referred him to Sheriff Wayne Gallant and the Oxford County Sheriff's Department, which covers the town.

"I find it interesting that as a citizen of Bethel that I should have to go to the Sheriff's Office to request the Sheriff handle the problem. I thought that's what the selectmen did," Halliwell said.

Doar said the town contracts with the OCSD for services, but he does not direct their day-to-day activities.

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DIRECTIONAL SIGNS UP-New business directional signs were placed on posts installed by the Town of Bethel last week on Routes 2 and 26. Shown here are signs pointing to businesses on the Sunday River Road.
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Letters

CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN

To the Editor:

The Bethel Rotary Club is pleased to announce that it will once again be sponsoring its annual Christmas for Children program. Since 1987, this important community project has helped to provide important assistance during the holiday season for many needy children and families who live in the MSAD 44 area.

Anyone Interested in donating to this effort is urged to send his or her contribution to: Bethel Rotary Club Christmas for Children, PO Box 471, Bethel, Maine 04217.

Requests for assistance may also be mailed to the same address or dropped off at any school office in MSAD 44. Please note that assistance is provided only to families who reside in the MSAD 44 area and requests can only be accepted from the parents or legal guardians of the children. The Rotary Club is pleased to be able to assist families with children up to and including high school age. All requests must include the name and age of each child. A telephone number and mailing address should also be included. This year, we are also asking that requests for assistance contain an e-mail address, if one is available.

Once again this year, Rotarians will be collecting donations at the Bethel Shop 'n' Save on several Saturdays between now and the holidays.

On behalf of the entire Bethel Rotary Club, I would like to thank the community for the ongoing generosity and support it has shown for this program over the many years of its existence.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Irene McGrew, President
Bethel Rotary Club

A COMBINED RESPONSE

To the Editor:

In regard to Harry Faulkner's most recent letters to the Citizen:

The first, his "That was President Obama" presentation: Every item that Mr. Faulkner referred to in that presentation was derived from Darrell Isa's Congressional Oversight Committee. It seems as if both that Republican dominated institution and Mr. Faulkner are intent to depict President Obama as being personally and solely responsible for any and every unbecoming incident that takes place on the face of the planet Earth.

For the sake of brevity allow me to take issue with only a couple. First, Mr. Faulkner's reference to the National debt; I would have to point out that it was not President Obama's two unfunded wars that contributed significantly to the national debt, nor was he responsible for nearly collapsed economy that had to be brought back to fruition. The second would be the so-called Benghazi scandal. For a variety of reasons America has people stationed in dangerous places around the globe. The loss of any American life is tragic but if Mr. Faulkner is going to assign the blame for the four lives lost in that incident on President Obama, to whom would he assign the blame for the 4,000 lives lost in the Iraq war. Also, in a place that is deemed to be safe and secure, to whom would he assign the blame for the 3,000 lives lost in the 9/11 incident.

In regard to Mr. Faulkner's "More on the Left Wing" letter, I would have to reiterate to Mr. Faulkner what I said in the presentation he is taking issue with. If I come across as being a left wing ideologue it would be by default because there is absolutely no other viable alternative that would be in the best interest of the average American Citizen. For the Republican establishment in Washington to conceive that the collective American citizenry will ever embrace or applaud an institution whose prime goal it is to achieve governmental paralysis by means of obstructionism may not prove to be in their own best interest.

Finally, I again can't help but take notice that Mr. Faulkner seems to have a propensity to taking a degree of liberty when it comes to the realm of factuality. In the presentation that he takes issue with, I referred to the sanctity of the right of the female population to make decisions regarding their own reproductive capability and bodies. I would cordially invite Mr. Faulkner to read that segment again and point out to me where in that letter I ever mentioned the word abortion. As far as abortion is concerned neither Mr. Faulkner nor I will ever have to make that decision for ourselves, and consequently, as far as I am concerned, neither one of us would have the credentials to make that decision for anyone else.

Don Chase
Bethel

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing topics they believe to be of interest to the community. The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters run on a space-available basis. Those submitted after the deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit.

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HUNT BEAR TRADITIONALLY

To the Editor:

Black bears are iconic symbols of the wilderness enriching our lives. As humans move further into bear country we need to sensitize ourselves to the needs of these elusive, intelligent mammals (who have surpassed chimps in their ability to learn in some areas) if we want to keep watching them or hunting them.

In Maine we allow three hunting practices that are inhumane. We are the only state in this country, I am ashamed to say, that utilizes steel traps to hunt bears. Bears have been known to gnaw off their paws to get free. The use of hounds outfitted with sophisticated GPS units violates traditional hunting ethics, as does the practice of bear baiting which only began in the 80s. What kind of sportsmanship is involved with all three practices when a bear becomes the unwilling victim to those who simply stand there and shoot a trapped bear, a treed bear, or a bear with his head in a can? Worse, as any skilled field researcher will attest to, it is almost impossible to sex a bear before shooting it. What this means practically is that almost as many female bears are shot in this state as males. If those females have first year cubs they will die a death of slow starvation, or be killed by other omnivores. Check out our IF&W statistics.

As I write this petitions are being circulated around the state to end baiting, hounding, and the use of steel traps to hunt bears. Hunters are encouraged to hunt black bears in a more traditional manner as they do in other states. Good woodsmen know where the bears can be found in late summer and fall. In Oregon, Washington, and Colorado where bear hounding and baiting methods have been prohibited for some time interest in bear hunting has increased. In Oregon bear tag sales have tripled, in Washington and Colorado the number of bear hunters has doubled or tripled increasing the revenue for each state significantly.

I have hunter friends who tell me that they are afraid that bear populations will skyrocket and create even more human-bear conflicts if we ban baiting, hounding and trapping. Yet in states like Oregon where all these practices have been banned since 1994 the bear population has remained the same, as has the number of bear complaints though the human population has increased. So many scientific studies show that if animals including bears are left to "manage" themselves without human intervention they can effectively control their own populations.

Ursus americanus has been in its present form for 500,000 years, 300,000 years before humans inhabited the earth. It seems ironic to me that our need to "control" is projected outward onto hapless animals while it ignores a chilling fact about us: it is the exploding human population that is devouring earth's resources at an unprecedented level. Animal populations aren't the problem, we are.

Indigenous peoples of this continent believe that the bear is our older relative and a great healer. Isn't it possible that we might have something to learn from the way these elusive denizens of the forest conduct themselves? If bears ruled the world we would have no wars.

Sara Wright
Woodstock

RESPONSE ON BEAR HUNTING

To the Editor:

In reply to the opinion piece of Sara Wright, "Hunt Bear Traditionally," there are some serious errors to claims made about black bear hunting and trapping in Maine and elsewhere that need to be addressed.

The voters of Maine are the ones who will cast the deciding ballot on this issue and it is imperative that they have truthful information in order to form their opinions.

The writer claims the use of "steel traps" and that bears sometimes "gnaw off their paws." From the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife rulebook about bear trapping it states that: "The only trap you are allowed to use when trapping for bear is a cable trap (foot snare), and cage type live trap."

The use of the long-fabled iron-claw trap has been outlawed for several years. A snare only restrains the bear and can be released relatively easily with no injury to the animal.

It is easy to toss out statistics, cherry picking what fits a narrative. It is much more difficult to make a telephone call and get clarification on issues. The writer makes claims about Oregon, Washington and Colorado pertaining to bear hunting and trapping. The claims made are a bit dishonest, a fete hoped for by the misleading environmentalists looking to interfere with the wildlife management of the Pine Tree State.

Cathy DeMerchant, a member of the Board of Directors for the Sportsman's Alliance of Maine and immediate past chairwoman of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Advisory Council, did her homework and got the facts straight. DeMerchant says that Joel Hurtado, wildlife biologist in charge of Oregon's Big Game Statistics division, explains what misleading figures being used by the animal rights organizations really state. He says that what appear to be increases in the number of bear tags sold, along with licenses, is the result of the state combining a bear hunting license with a big game license. Where once a separate license was required, it is now combined with a standard big game license. It therefore appears to be an increase in bear licenses but in fact it is not.

In addition, Hurtado states that bear nuisance complaints in Oregon increased 65 percent since passage of the hunting/trapping ban and in Colorado "nuisance bear complaints went through the roof."

Here are a few more Maine bear statistics readily available to anyone wishing to actually find them:

1. Bear hunting success rate, utilizing the current methods, stands at 30 percent.
2. Bear hunting success by the proposed "traditional" spot and stalk method, yielded a harvest of 60 bears in 2012. MDIFW claims at current population numbers (30,000) a harvest of 3,000 bears is needed to keep numbers at current levels.
3. Bear population has increased in Maine 67 percent since 1990.
4. In 2012 nuisance bear complaints jumped from an average of 500 per year to 870.

(By the way, MDIFW has perhaps the finest black bear management and study program in the U.S. It is the envy of most other fish and game departments.) It is difficult to attempt to legislate hunting ethics/sportsmanship. For the most part fish and game departments establish their rules for hunting and trapping based on need for population control, public safety and social demands. Using an argument that attempts to define what is ethical and/or sportsmanlike when it comes to hunting, trapping and fishing is impossible to do and should never be included as part of any argument to ban hunting or trapping.

Maine's wildlife managers need tools at their disposal in order to carry out their legislatively mandated jobs of managing wildlife for all. Please don't hamstring the fish and game department preventing them from doing their jobs.

Whether signing a petition or voting next November on this issue, please get all the facts and more importantly, the truthful facts and then make your decision.

Tom Remington
Largo, Fla. and Bethel

(Ed. note: The above two letters were published on the Bethel Citizen website over the past two weeks.)

BENGHAZI, REALLY?

To the Editor:

If you say "Benghazi" three times in rapid succession, the 241 Marines who died in Beirut ask why there was no Republican outrage. Then they ask why the GOP Speaker of the House, Boehner, and his caucus has voted four times to reduce funding for security at American Embassies and Consulates even when the State Department pleaded with them for more.

If you spin around real fast and ask why we aren't hearing anything from GOP Senator Issa's witch hunt against the IRS it's because the findings were that, a.) As many left wing groups as right wing groups had to fill out the questionnaires and b.) Not ONE group on either side was denied its requested status.

From George Washington through George W. Bush (over 200 years) the Senate filibustered 88 presidential appointments. Under Obama they have filibustered 82. Still think this is about "policy" or these are real scandals? Over the past six years Republicans have represented nothing but the party of NO. NO health care. What is their proposal to replace it? Nothing. NO Immigration reform. Their solution? They don't offer one.

The claim is they don't want to deny food to the hungry, only to the hungry who won't work for it, and yet only recently they voted to cut 100 million dollars' worth of Food Stamps for families of active duty military. Why our military families should be so underpaid as to NEED Food Stamps is another issue the party that claims to Support Our Military has no answer for. Benghazi? Do you really want to go there?

Chandler McGrew
Bethel

NEWS FROM CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

The Citizen welcomes submissions of news items and photographs from local clubs and organizations. The deadline for clubs and organizational items is noon Monday, but earlier submission is appreciated. All news articles should be typed or printed legibly, and include the name and daytime telephone number of a contact person.

Submissions can be dropped off at The Citizen office (behind the Bethel Town Office) or mailed to P.O. Box 109, Bethel, ME, 04217. During non-business hours, items can be placed in the mailbox outside our office. For further information, call 824-2444. News and photos can also be submitted by e-mail: news@bethelcitizen.com.

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Bethel's Mahoosuc Community Band performed at the Norway Memorial Library as part of the town's Winter Wonderland event.

Members of the Interact Club at Telstar High School organized a food collection to benefit the Food Pantry at the District Exchange.

Births: Ethan Alessandro Owen, Tanner William Martin, Sarah Arlene Hebert, Samuel Garrett Cooper, Hannah Newsom Pierce.

Deaths: Barbara Hathaway, Constance Belanger, Sara F. Pepper, Lillian E. Kimball.

20 years ago: The Mt. Abram snowmaking crew was taking advantage of the cold weather and working round the clock, aiming for an opening day of Dec. 11.

Rev. Neal Clark, District Superintendent of New England churches, spoke at the dedication of the new sanctuary at the Bethel Alliance Church.

Births: Callie Hunter Brown, Derek Wade Merrill, Savanna Marie York.

Deaths: Theodore R. Brett, Prince Roman Woronoff, Mona L. Harthorne.

30 years ago: Marilyn Wyman and Cecelia Hoy were chosen to be Trust Officers for the newly-formed Trust Department at the Bethel Savings Bank.

Dick Holsington was to be director of operations of Sunday River Ski Touring Center for the winter.

Birth: Joshua Francis Aylward.

Deaths: Sonja S. Wood, Hazel G. Wheeler, Ernest A. Billings, Arthur C. Mills, Kathleen C. Pierce.

40 years ago: Robert M. Bean and his descendants, including his 8 children, 13 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren, gathered at the Sunday River Inn for an early Thanksgiving family reunion.

The out of season outing club held its annual "welcome to winter" event, and took to canoes to travel the Androscoggin river.

Deaths: Maude E. Grindle, Bruce E. Corriveau, Howard A. Grover, Ray K. Hanscom.

50 years ago: A capacity crowd filled Gould Academy's Bingham Hall as Bethel's citizens paid final respects to the late President John F. Kennedy.

The Campus Malt Shop and Restaurant offered a complete Thanksgiving dinner for \$2.50.

Birth: Diane Maxine Welles.

Deaths: Mrs. Lucy Ann French, Mrs. Grace C. Gould, John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

60 years ago: About 60 enjoyed a party for Odd Fellows, Rebekahs and their families at the Odd Fellows Hall.

A Bethel Auxiliary was organized as an adjunct to the Rumford Community Hospital.

Birth: David Elvin Chapman.

Deaths: Mrs. Gladys Bailey, Stanley G. Chapman, Arthur V. Chapman.

70 years ago: There was a two day snowstorm. Damage approached that of the hurricane. Power and telephone lines were out. Upton was snowbound for three days.

Death: Mrs. Delina Turcotte.

80 years ago: Mrs. Eva Fox went to Rumford to take up her duties as House Mother in the Nurses' Home at the Community Hospital.

Work was begun on the Houghton-Oquossoc road. One hundred twenty-seven men were apportioned for this work for 11 weeks.

Deaths: Mrs. Ardella Merrill, Mrs. Dora Covell.

90 years ago: Deer were reported scarce by local hunters.

A moose was seen frequently in the vicinity of the village.

The water supply was low in many farming areas.

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Sharon Hutchins D. Rafford

women. Communication was by letter or phone back then. Students today have so many choices."

Hutchins and her husband, Robert, will be married 46 years this month. Having married in November after her high school graduation in 1967, she didn't work until 1970, and that was only part time.

She had her daughter Deanna at that time, but it wasn't until 1977, four years after her son, Christian was born, that she was asked to be a part-time bus driver. "If you had a clean license, you could drive 10 times without having a bus license," she said.

In 1980, she was hired full time, and has been driving the last 34 years. One of her best memories was when a second grader came up and wanted to show her what he brought for show and tell. "The next thing I knew, this six-inch fish, which hours earlier had been in the fridge, was stuck in my face! It freaked me out, but I survived."

Throughout her career, she has found time to help her community.

In 1983, she and eight leaders fundraised for 14 months to get a group of Brownie, Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts to Washington D.C. on a bus. She received a plaque for be-

ing a Junior Girl Scout leader for eight years.

And by leading the rebirth of the Andover Education Fund in 1987 - after 30 years of inactivity - Hutchins has made it possible to provide \$2,500 a year to each Andover student attending a two- or four-year college.

"Bob Spidell got a letter from the Andover Alumni Association, and came to the committee about getting scholarships for kids from Andover. Hence the rebirth," Hutchins said.

In 2009 she was lauded as one of "6 Who Care" from WCHS-TV for community service.

If all of that isn't enough, she has also been involved in "Hungry Kingdom." Starting out as a challenge from her church seven years ago, each participating member was given \$20.

"We were told to go out and multiply the money for community service," she said. "Our group of four started the Hungry Kingdom. Costing \$7,000 a year, a meals program at the Andover Elementary School now offers free breakfast, snack milk and hot lunch to each elementary child in Andover for the school year. The program is still going strong."

When writer Ian Aldrich called from Yankee Magazine earlier this year, said Hutchins, he said he had an idea for a story featuring people who volunteer in their communities. He interviewed her over the phone and a photographer came and took pictures.

With all of her awards, Hutchins still remains a down-to-earth Mainer. She still goes about her job of driving students to and from school, always looking for opportunities to help them out.

For more information on the Hungry Kingdom or the Andover Educational Fund, Inc. email edfund@megalink.net.

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Nancy Brown A. Chapman

the U.S., but returned to her childhood home eight years ago. She lives in the house where she grew up, which was purchased by her great-grandparents in 1905.

"My family is here," she says. "And I really like the people in this area, the sense of community."

Although she has always written for pleasure, most of the jobs Brown held during her time away from Maine were physically demanding ones that many would consider nontraditional careers for women. She has worked as a pipefitter, an Amtrak electrician, and an airplane servicer. "And I loved every single one of those jobs," she says.

The desire to focus on her writing prompted her to return to college at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., where she was living at the time. She wanted, she says, "to learn the craft of writing." After completing her B.A. in English and Women's Studies in 2005, she decided it was time to come home.



The painting by Leslie Anderson that inspired Nancy Brown's short story "Hay Day." Courtesy Shanti Arts

"I'm a Maine person, and I'm a Maine writer, and everything I write sounds like it comes from Maine, not from the south, or California, or any of the other places I've lived," Brown says. "I lived in Virginia for 10 years, and it's a nice place, but it isn't home."

In 2006 she took a position as circulation director at the Norway Memorial Library, and simultaneously enrolled in the University of Southern Maine's low-residency Stonecoast Program to complete her M.F.A. in Creative Writing. She gives high marks to the program, and since 2007 she has met regularly with a writing group that grew out of its members' participation in Stonecoast.

The written works that appear in Summer Sto-

ries were selected for the collection by Ron Currie, Jr., an acclaimed novelist and short story writer from Waterville, through a competition sponsored by the Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance. Leslie Anderson's paintings, evocative of summertime in Maine, served as inspiration for the stories.

Brown's piece is paired with a painting of a farmer on a tractor haying his field.

A sampling from her story: "The tractor convoy rumbled down Route 2, crossed the Androscoggin River, passed Riverside Cemetery where Jared Finley lay slumbering under his granite gravestone, and lumbered into Deb's fields to bale the sweet hay."

Other story titles from the collection include "Hauling Buys," "Clam-

mer," "Fair Night," and "Last Night at the Lake." "I'm a big believer in writers entering contests," Brown says, adding that it's a way for writers to get their work into books and into the hands of readers. Prior to entering the Summer Stories contest, Brown had written a short story that received Honorable Mention in the MWPA's 2012 Maine Literary Awards Contest.

Published by Shanti Arts in Brunswick, Summer Stories is available at local libraries and from local and online booksellers. There will be a book debut celebration, which Brown will attend to read from her work and sign copies of the book, on Sunday, Dec. 8 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Couleur Collection, 240 US Route 1 in Falmouth.

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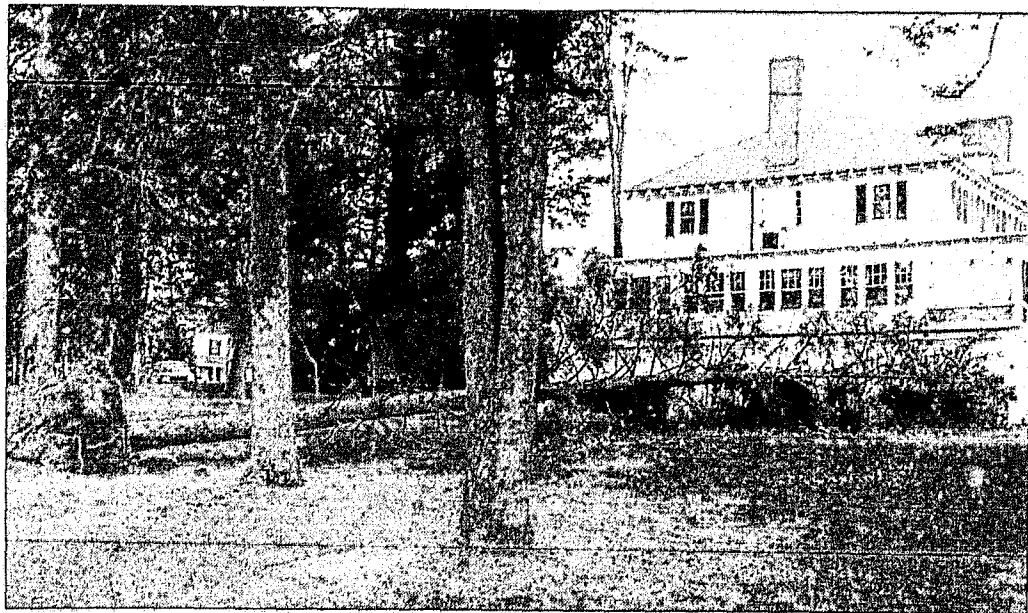
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INN TREES COME DOWN—Last Friday Brady Chapman of Top Notch Tree Service took down a dying old willow tree in front of the Bethel Inn. Right, suspended from a basket attached to a Bancroft Corp. boom truck, he cuts limbs. Chapman's new company carries on the tradition of his late father, Sam, who operated Chapman's Tree Service. Mother Nature, not to be outdone, took down her own tree at the inn Sunday as wind gusts of over 60 miles an hour were reported. Thousands of CMP customers in the area lost power and fire departments were busy responding to downed lines and trees on wires.

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FIELDS

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He saw other potential as well, citing the Pismo Beach fields in Oxford on Lake Thompson, where players can go swimming after their games.

"It's kind of a treat for the kids. We have that option here, too," he said.

The officials agreed to continue exploring the possibility of new fields for the longterm.

Parking/T-ball

They also discussed the

feasibility of using a lower T-ball field near the current grandstand for additional parking.

"We're starting to get more of a crowd," said Johnson.

He suggested using part of the field for T-ball and another part for parking.

But Selectman Ron Deegan was leary of mixing children and vehicles.

Instead, he said, the town should simply convert the

whole T-ball field to parking, taking off the loam and putting in gravel and draining.

He also suggested cutting into the banking next to the upper fields to make more parking space and constructing a stairway to the fields above.

No decision was made, but the board said a proposal could be brought to the annual Town Meeting in March.

SPEEDERS

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"We're not going to play messenger," he said.

Selectman Don Bennett agreed. "We don't need to be messenger took many times before they kind of don't listen to us," he said.

Added Chairman Stan Howe, "How the speed limit is enforced is up to [Gallant]."

After hearing from Hallowell, selectmen next heard a report from Doar on a Paradise Road resident who had been stopped for speeding and believed the 25 mile per hour limit is too slow.

The resident said he had been stopped for doing 30, said Doar, and "his take on it was the unintended consequence of increased police activity on Paradise Road. Frankly this is the first time I ever had anybody ask for it to be raised."

"Unbelievable," said Selectman Pat Carter.

Doar said the resident did not have a suggested number for a new speed limit.

"He fully recognizes there are people up there who drive 60 who should be

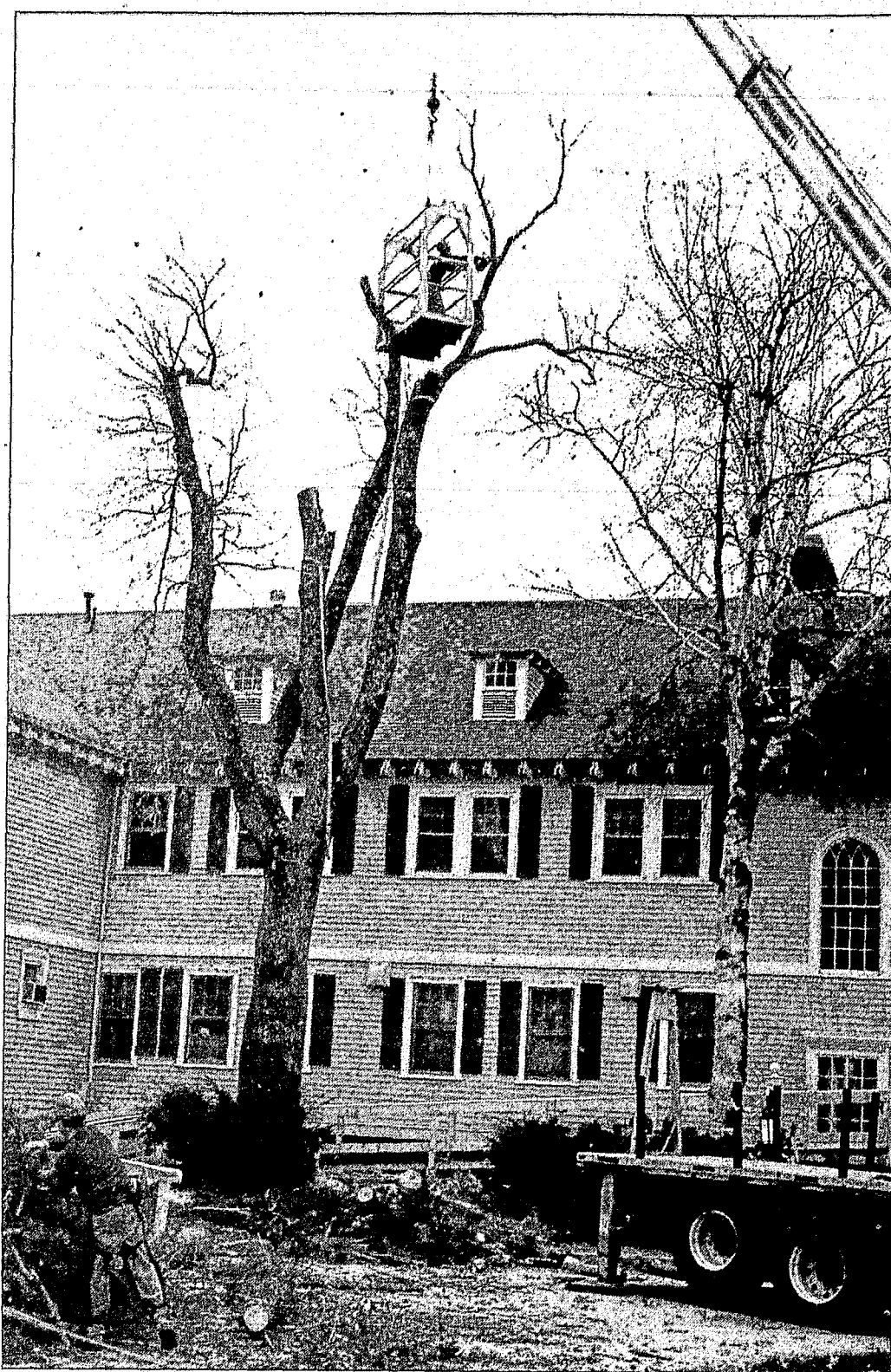
pulled over and put in jail," added Doar.

Changing the limit would require a request to the Maine Department of Transportation, he said.

Doar said he had also heard from another two residents who felt 25 was "more than adequate."

Howe was skeptical of changing it. "Most roads in town are 25 miles per hour," he said. "Why should they get another speed limit?"

The board ultimately voted against pursuing a change.



The Way I See It

By Sharon Bouchard



Wow, Thanksgiving is here again. I just can't believe it. I imagine that by the time most of you read this the Thanksgiving menu is all planned and probably preparations are under way.

I think the Thanksgiving Day festivities are probably very similar in homes throughout the country. The family gathers around the table licking their lips at the sight of the food-scape before them that Mom spent 24 hour preparing and they will consume in 10 minutes flat.

There will be high praise bestowed upon Mom for her culinary expertise and how no one on God's green earth can equal her piecrust. Then the family will disappear for parts of the house unknown only to resurface as the last dish is washed. Now they are ready for a second feeding, having digested the first round over football games, family conversations or naps.

Is this a familiar scene in your house Mom? It is in mine. I wouldn't be too hard on the family though; there is so much they don't understand. Like they are not aware that you started buying those magazines at the supermarket checkout, the ones with the picture of a to-die-for four-layer chocolate mousse cake on the cover, over a month ago searching for new and exciting recipes.

Fortunately for you, they are also not aware that your four-layer chocolate mousse cake didn't look quite the same as the one in the magazine and they thought it was the most beautiful dessert they had ever seen.

The family doesn't understand that as they inhale the magnificent bounty you have made for them that you have mentally been preparing this feast for over a month. They don't have an inkling how many recipes you have sorted through trying to find some new and delightful dishes to set before them on this special day.

Not a clue do they possess of how many times you have written out a menu and shopping list and changed it with each new recipe you discovered in each new magazine. Not a hint have they of the time you spent mentally orga-

nizing the dinner table so there would be enough room for the food and the people too.

There is no doubt that the family would be shocked if they had any idea of how much time you spent cleaning every crack and crevice because, perish the thought, that Aunt Bessie should think you are a sloppy housekeeper. They have no way of knowing that you spent the better part of one day just clean-

Don't forget to thank the cook

ing out the refrigerator so you would have room for the cornucopia of goodies you plan to store there. Not to mention that you would die if Aunt Bessie had seen the molding tuna casserole and the dried thing that might have been meatloaf in another life.

And definitely don't blame the family because they devoured the whole meal in less time than it took you to make the best piecrust on God's green earth. After all, you did cook the meal for them to eat and the fact that they went through it like sharks in a feeding frenzy is a tribute to your accomplishment.

You could have delegated more things for your dinner guests to bring, but you know darn well that they aren't going to make whatever it is the way you do. And if you had taken Cousin Manola up on her offer to bring Parker House rolls and a family member should be tacky enough to mention that Cousin Manola's Parker House rolls are better than yours, you know you would want to hurt that person severely and secretly hope that Cousin Manola chokes on one of her Parker House rolls.

Don't be disappointed that no one mentions what an amazing thing it is that you have timed everything perfectly so the entire meal is ready at the same time; hot dishes hot and cold dishes chilled to perfection in a clean refrigerator. They don't know it could be otherwise because you do this every year.

They are unaware of the planning such timing re-

quires or the physical stamina you have to have to pull it off. You probably kicked everyone out of the kitchen so no one saw you leaping trashcans and household pets as you hustled between stove and counter.

And please don't feel slighted that everyone disappears after his or her appetites have been satiated leaving you with the clean up. You're the one who insisted on cooking the bulk of the meal. You're the one who kicked everyone out of the kitchen while you prepared the feast. And you're the one who heaped tons of food on them pushing the mashed potatoes in front of them demanding that they have some more.

Of course they disappear — their bellies are stuffed to capacity and if they stick around you will force more pumpkin pie down their throats. They are exhausted from watching football games and catching up on family news and eating. Just what did you expect?

There is one major thing here that the family doesn't understand and it is something we preparers of the Thanksgiving feast keep secret — we like all of this. We pose as the suffering gourmet, but the truth is we thrive on putting this meal together.

It is the one day that we are the queen of the scene. We are delighted to see our family waddle around us ready to burst from the meal we made for them. We beam with pride from the compliments we hear on what a wonderful job we did. We feel gratified when we look around and see the contented and smiling faces of our loved ones. We know when it comes to creating the culinary masterpiece of the day, we are great.

The way I see it this is partly what Thanksgiving is all about for me. Plus the things that I have to be thankful for and they include a family to cook for, a home to invite them into and the resources and good health to make it happen.

To all you readers I wish each and every one of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and remind you to take a moment and think of some of the things you too have to be thankful for. And while you're at it... don't forget to thank the cook.

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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Maine Line Products on Route 26 has turned on its Christmas lights. Thousands of colored lights outline the building. Each year I wait for those lights to come on because they signal the beginning of

the Christmas season. For six weeks each year Maine Line Products not only lights up the town of Locke's Mills, but reaches down the road into Bethel. The lights are a welcoming sight at the end of a long day, especially if it's snowing and the traveling on Route 26 is bad. If you live in Bethel like I do, the light display means you are almost home.

Christmas trees are available at Lowell's Saw Shop on Route 26 across from Teistar High School. The shop is open for sales Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Proceeds from the sale of these trees go to the Greenstock Snowmobile Club trail maintenance fund. The club maintains and grooms a network of more than 70 miles of trails and oversees the maintenance of 30 miles of trails in Bethel. These trails connect to snowmobile trails going to northern Maine, New Hampshire, and Canada.

Last week Betsy Foster wrote about the clothes line, complete with small mittens and shirt, that has appeared in Maggie's Nature Park. I haven't seen this yet; I tend to stay out of the woods during hunting season. However, several years ago I found a letterbox on one of the hiking trails there. Letterboxes are waterproof boxes contain-

ing notebooks and small items that letterbox seekers want to share. "Letterboxers" usually stamp the notebook with their identifying stamp and note the date. They may leave a note or small token. I signed the notebook and left a granola bar for the next hiker (with the date noted on it, of course). There are numerous letterboxes hidden in Oxford County, including ones at Mt. Will in Bethel, Snow Falls in West Paris, and Ordway Grove in Norway.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By CHERRI CROCKETT



Happy Thanksgiving neighbors, it seems the weather has been keeping us on our toes as of late. This Sunday past we

were barely able to keep our hats on due to the blustering wind and our noses felt as if they were going to freeze off with the chill dipping into the single digits. I'm looking forward to seeing substantial snow fall, as it seems to warm things a bit, not to mention insulate our homes from that biting cold.

The week of Thanksgiving is finally upon us and you're either looking forward to gathering with family or you're a Black Friday enthusiast who just can't wait for dinner to be over to head out on your shopping spree.

I'm curious to know how many of you are Black Friday shoppers and what time do you actually get to the stores? Do you get really good deals or is that just a gimmick to get you in the store? How long do you stand in line to pay for your items, because the one and only and last time I will ever go out shopping on Black Friday, the lines extend-

ed around the inside of the store and there were actually people standing in line while others in their party shopped.

Personally, I think that's a bit much and can see why the holiest of holidays has now become so commercialized. It's sad, really.

As you know, I'm a traditionalist. I enjoy my time with family and feel abundantly blessed to have this time to make memories with them. I look forward to seeing Andy snoozing on the couch after he ate enough turkey to put a bull to sleep. I enjoy making a Christmas craft with Wanda and the girls and anticipate our annual viewing of National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation.

You may laugh, but watching Chevy Chase and all his antics while trying to create the perfect family Christmas for those he loves never gets old. These are just a few of the things that make our Thanksgiving traditional and I look forward to making memories with my family.

Whatever your beliefs or traditions, I pray you all enjoy your Thanksgiving, no matter how you celebrate it, but I do want to leave you with this poem written by Carolyn Lynn Schwartz in thankfulness for the reason for the season:

Wherever you find yourself today, Whether filled with joy or wrapped in pain, Remember to pause a moment and give thanks, For no other event in our history and time, Can change our lives like the birth of Christ—so divine. His love never failing, and His Presence always near, The greatest wonder in Heaven on Christmas did appear. God's gift full of grace that brings

OCSD Bethel Patrol Log

Tuesday, Nov. 19

At 11:32 a.m. Deputy Josh Wyman investigated a report of a stolen truck in Andover.

Thursday, Nov. 21

At 8:06 a.m. Deputy Mike Dailey received a report of a traffic complaint on the Greenwood Road in Greenwood.

At 2:40 p.m. Deputy Mike Dailey investigated a property-damage crash involving a commercial vehicle and a pickup truck on the North Road in Bethel.

Friday, Nov. 22

At 2:59 p.m. Deputy Mike Dailey responded to Route 2 in Hanover for a report of a traffic offense. The vehicle was intercepted in Rumford by Rumford Police.

At 4:15 p.m. Deputy Mike Dailey took a report of the theft of cut trees from property in Albany. The complainant was referred to the Maine Forest Service.

Saturday, Nov. 23

At 6:54 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to Route 120 in Andover for a single vehicle crash with a tree. There were no injuries.

At 12:06 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown received a report of telephone harassment on Railroad Street in Bethel.

At 10:10 p.m. on Route 5 in Bethel a driver lost control of her vehicle during a snow squall and hit a tree. There were no injuries. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded.

Sunday, Nov. 24

At 2:37 p.m. a driver on the West Paris Road in Greenwood lost control and flipped the vehicle onto its side. There were no injuries and the vehicle was driven away by the owner.

OCSD Jail Log

Monday, November 25

9:34 p.m.: Bridgett L. Downs, 24, of Albany, operating after suspension, forgery, violation of bail conditions, theft; by Cpl. Justin Brown in Bethel.

10:31 p.m.: Shanon M. McAlister, 25, of Bethel, failure to pay fines, possession of Schedule W,X,Y drug; by Deputy Nathan Bowie in Bethel.

Man charged with night hunting

By PETER MCGUIRE, Sun Media Wire

A Rumford man was charged with shooting a robotic deer from his car last Wednesday night on Concord Pond Road in Woodstock.

Coty A. Beardsley, 26, was arrested shortly before 6 p.m. after a brief chase along the rural road, according to Maine Game Warden Josh Smith's arrest report.

Beardsley was charged with night hunting, shooting from a moving vehicle, failure to stop for an officer and violation of bail conditions, all misdemeanor charges. According to the Oxford County Jail, he posted \$300 cash bail and was released.

According to the arrest report, Smith was monitoring night hunting activity with a deer simulator—a robotic decoy—in the vicinity of Concord Pond Road. At about 5:47 p.m., Beardsley shot at the decoy from his 1998 Dodge Stratus and drove away, ignoring Smith's commands to stop. Beardsley was located a short distance down the road and arrested less than 10 minutes later.

Maine law prohibits hunting wild animals from a half hour after sunset until a half hour before sunrise. Convictions for night hunting carry a mandatory \$1,000 fine and three days in jail.

Wardens use robotic decoys simulating a variety of

animals to catch poachers or illegal hunters, but are tight-lipped on how the simulators are deployed. Maine Warden Service Cpl. John MacDonald said Thursday that wardens' use of simulators is considered a confidential investigative technique.

Beardsley also is facing charges of operating under the influence, driving to endanger and failure to stop for an officer after crashing his vehicle into a utility pole on Franklin Street in Rumford on Aug. 25 and speeding away from police. He pleaded not guilty to the charges in Rumford District Court in September and is due to appear in Oxford County Superior Court in Paris on Jan. 8.

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life, love, and hope, Can be unwrapped by us all-changing life's scope. For when we invite His life into our hearts, No love is greater than that He imparts. So wherever you find yourself today, Remember to pause and give thanks, For He is the Truth and the Way!

I see this column as a way for future generations of East Bethel families to look back and remember what life was like. I would enjoy being the hand to have a written legacy for your family to look back on. Please, if you have anything you think your family would enjoy reading years from now, e-mail me at brindle-labs@gmail.com or call me at 357-3469. Bless you all.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



It's an early-column deadline week so the local news will have to wait until next week. That gives me a chance to comment on a national item. Health insurance. After nine years of paying for my own health insurance, I signed up for what is generally being called Obamacare. I was able to use the website to do so. Although it takes a while to go through the numerous steps, it went smoothly. It costs much, much less than I am now paying and the coverage is much better. It is very affordable and high quality health insurance. I don't understand what everyone is fussing about. Political football.

Last Sunday's high winds stirred up three-foot waves on South Pond. This may not sound like much to folks who frequent the ocean, but around here, where waves are measured in inches, that is quite unusual. I had to pull over to the side of the road and watch those waves for a while just to make

sure I was seeing them correctly. In the coves, thin ice covered the water with the wind blowing around light clouds of snow. Depended where on our ponds you were as to your idea of the conditions. Gee, that sounds the same as politics!

Hunting season (rifle) ends this Saturday afternoon but muzzle-loading and archery season continues a couple more weeks. Keep the orange handy. Greenwood's road crew supervisor, Alan Seames, got his deer this year. Here's to good eating through the winter.

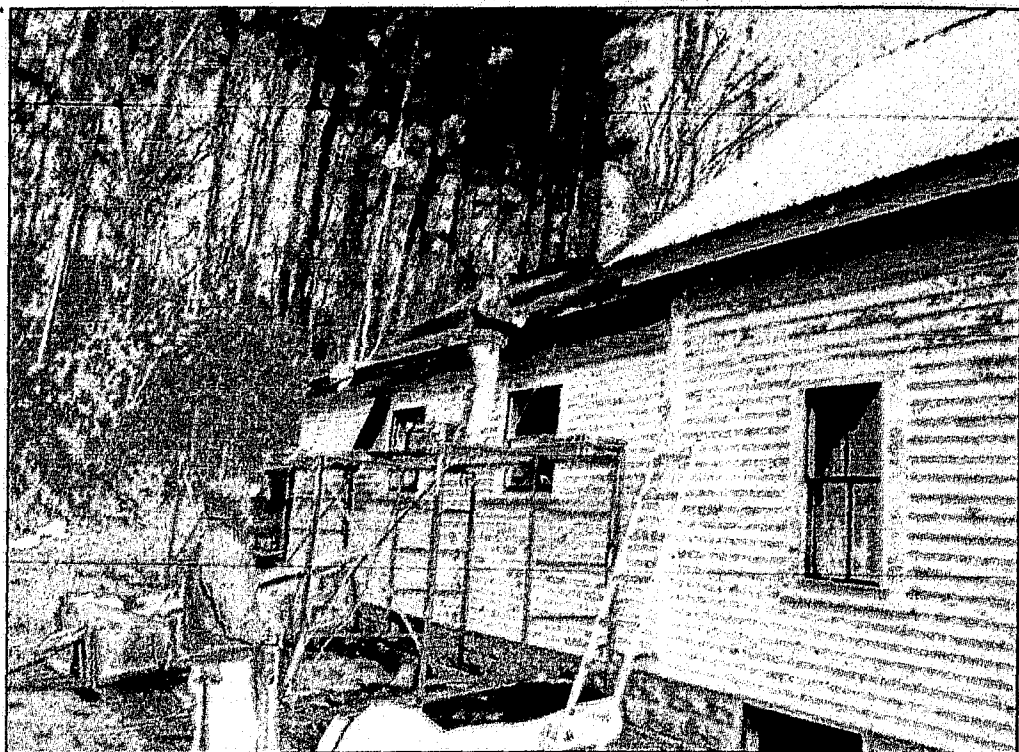
Mt. Abram has started making snow, and they plan to open mid-December for pass-holders. I recently met the new mountain manager and his wife (she is the food and beverage manager). They just moved here after many years in southeastern Alaska. Sounds like they have plenty of experience with winter.

Nov. 30 is a supper, raffle, and dance at the Gore Road Legion Hall to benefit young Cody Bean of West Paris who was diagnosed with pediatric neuroblastoma. Check the Community Calendar for details.

The annual craft and wares fair is this Friday, 9 to 4, at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. It's another one of those annual "must-do" events. Sometimes I find a wonderful locally made item to take home, and other times I simply enjoy seeing the time and effort others have put into their crafts.

The Greenwood Historical Society will meet Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6 p.m., for a potluck supper at their building on Main Street. There will also be a pretty package auction and meeting at 7 p.m. This will be the last meeting until April 2014. Everyone is welcome. For more info, contact 875-3726

T-day and counting. Hope tomorrow brings



GREENWOOD HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPAIRS-Craig Gammon and Percy McInnis work to beat the approaching winter, installing new shingles on a section of the roof at the Greenwood Historical Society's Bennett House in Locke Mills. GHS President Blaine Mills said most of the money raised through donations and programs goes for upkeep on the society's two buildings. Members had hoped to put vinyl siding on the Bennett House as their next project, but discovered that the shingled portion of the roof needed immediate attention.

you all a chance to enjoy good food, friends, and family. And give some thoughts to those who can't.

Please send news to 3taichi6@gmail.com.

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



Hanover welcomes new neighbors, Paul and Laurie Walker. The Walkers recently purchased a home in Hanover Pines and are enjoying recreating in our beautiful little town.

The Board of Selectpersons met on Tuesday at Town Hall. Present were Chair Brenda Lee Gross and Selectpersons Frank Morrison and Richard Stratton as well as Clem Worcester, Kelly Harrington, Joelle Corey Whitman and five audience members. The Select Board stated that there are five vacant town positions which are appointed by the Select Board. They are: Regional School Unit 10 Hanover Director, two Planning Board Alternates, Tri-Town Solid Waste Member and Recycle Board Member. The Select Board welcomes anyone interested in serving to inquire

at the Town Office. The next meeting will be held on Dec. 17.

Joelle reported that four new homes have been built in Hanover this year. Culvert work has been completed near the end of the South Shore Road. There was a brief discussion about the use of the new Picnic Pavilion. Peg Susbury reported that a ceiling for the Pavilion will be going in this spring and recessed lighting will be installed. Peg also confirmed that the cost of electricity for the Pavilion will be paid for by the Library. (The Gardner Roberts Memorial Library is a non-profit organization which is independent of the Town.)

The Select Board set the date of the Annual Town Tree Lighting for Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. in front of the Town Office. Refreshments and merriment will follow at the Town House at the base of Howard Pond Road.

Tax bills have been mailed and are now due. Tax bills paid before Dec. 31, 2013, will receive a two percent reduction. Also, Town Reports are ready and available for pick up at the Town Office. The Town Office will be closed this

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day and the following day, Friday, Nov. 29. Dog licenses are due Dec. 31, 2013. A \$25 late fee will be charged after Jan. 31, 2014.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH



For those who have to register cars by the end of the month, please be advised the

Town Office is closed on Thursday and Friday, but will be open today, Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Most of us have read in the papers or heard that the DOE approved the withdrawal document and set the vote date for Jan. 7. There will be two public hearings as required by law; one on Thursday, Dec. 5 and the second on Saturday, Jan. 4. It is vital you have all the information regarding our withdrawing from Sad 44 and establishing our own school district. The Clerk reported that people have started to take out papers to run for the school board if the withdrawal vote passes. This vote would be 14 days beyond the Jan. 7 vote, so the group can get started for a July 1 launch date.

It's time to start preparing for the Annual Town Report. If you would like to submit a cover image, please do so as soon as possible. The cover is black and white, so keep that in mind as you choose your image.

Another holiday closing of interest is the Little Red Hen restaurant which will be closed on Thanksgiving and again on "Black Friday," Nov. 29.

As of Sunday morning 36 deer had been tagged at the Tagging Station at Mills' Market. Fifteen-year-old Allen Theriault, grandson of Hank and Elaine Morton is receiving congratulations on "napping" an 8 point buck that weighed in at 207 lbs. Unfortunately Allen hadn't entered the biggest deer contest and, so the leader in that category is still Gary Marston. Deer hunting ends on Saturday, Nov. 30 at sunset.

The Snow Valley Snowmobile club will hold a potluck supper at 6 p.m. at the clubhouse, off Route 5 in Andover on Wednesday, Dec. 4. Following the supper there will be a regular club meeting at 7 p.m. Again this year the club will collect toys and items which will be donated to the Andover elementary School for their Yuletide Holiday store where the students "shop" for presents for family and friends. The Fall 50/50 will also be drawn the night of the meeting. Please join us, bring a dish to share. It's always lots of fun.

People who attended the recent hymn sing sponsored by the Food Pantry had such a good time that they wanted to do it again. Your wish is our command. There will be a Christmas Carol Sing on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church to benefit the food pantry. You can bring donations of non-perishable food or cash and get in the Christmas spirit. Most of us remember when Christmas Caroling was a yearly experience and some of us remember when the hayride ended at Betsey Fisher's with hot buttered rum.

The Food Pantry also sponsors the "yellow star" program to help give our local children a happy Christmas. This year's stars are available at Mills' Market, The Little Red Hen and in the CEB dining room. Each star has a child's request with age and sizes for those requesting clothes. It always amazes me how practical most of the requests are such as boots, shirts, pants, etc.

Christmas in Sno-Valley is scheduled for Dec. 14. There will be three venues featuring crafts, baked goods and lunch. The hours at the Fire Station will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with Santa arriving at 2 p.m. I previously reported it would be 1 p.m. so please forgive the oversight on my part. The lunch there will consist of sausage soup or chicken noodle

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BETHEL BOY SCOUT TROOP 566 DEN 2 just completed horseback riding to earn their belt loop and pin at Orchard Hill Farm on the North Road in Bethel. Carole Mason and Brad McLain gave their time for two weeks to teach the boys about horses. Pictured are, from left: Brandon McLean on Moses, Linda Taylor (leader) Tanner McLean, Brad McLain, Nolan Fowles on Julius, Carole Mason, Shannan Thielbar (leader) Darrin LaClair, and Wyatt Thielbar.

Submitted photo



SERVING THE SENIORS-Telstar High School principal Dan Hart hands Dorothy Bartlett her completed order at the end of the serving line in the cafeteria at Sunday's Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner at the school.

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An evening with Amity Schlaes

The Woodstock Republican Committee is proud to present "An Evening with Amity Schlaes," Dec. 30 at 6 p.m. Ms. Schlaes is the author of "The Forgotten Man," which was recognized by The National Review as, "the finest history of the Great Depression ever written."

This year she published "Coolidge," a biography of the 30th President who, at the end of his term, left the government smaller than it was when he took office. Paul Ryan noted that "Amity Schlaes shines fresh light on a leader of humble persistence who unexpectedly found himself in the presidency and whose faith in the American people helped restore prosperity during a period of great turmoil."

Amity is also director of The Four Percent Growth Project, is a columnist for Forbes magazine, and has been an editor for The Wall Street Journal.

In keeping with the season, the proposed topic for the evening will be:

"Scrooge as he is reflected in the current economy and popular culture."

Space for this event will be limited and it is strongly suggested to RSVP prior to Dec. 16 to ensure you can be accommodated. No one will be admitted without having first RSVPed.

Please call 665-2049 for more information and to reserve a seat.

dle soup with assorted sandwiches. Hours at the First Congregational Church will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The lunch menu there will be beans and dogs and American Chop Suey.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! We have many things to be thankful for.

Remember the Nov. 30 Benefit for Cody Bean at the American Legion Hall in Locke's Mills. From 5 to 7 is the spaghetti supper followed by a dance at 8 p.m. The price is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 5 and over with a \$20 family cap for the supper, dance and supper \$15 per person, dance only \$10 per person. There will be a 50/50 raffle, silent auction, and massage therapy (\$1 per minute). Cody is a 2-year-old boy with neuroblastoma, a cancer found in young children. Please come support this family. For more information, call Julie (739-9002) or Cathy (890-9119).

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, Dec. 5 at the Town Conference Room for a regular meeting and Christmas party. It is a potluck dinner; please bring a dish to share and your own place setting. If you wish, you can bring a gift to ex-

change, cards, an item for the food bank, and a gift for Kids for Christmas. Meeting starts at 11:30.

The Whitman Memorial Library program for December is a Sing-Along of Christmas Carols for all ages with Jim Burke on the keyboard. Mr. Burke is a retired teacher and present organist at the Universalist Church in West Paris. This is Thursday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. Also on the same program is Town Manager Vern Maxfield, who will read a couple Christmas poems. Special Christmas goodies will be served. The public is invited at no charge.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service. On Saturday, Nov. 30 at 10 a.m., they will be decorating the church for Christmas. On Sunday, Dec. 8, they will be hosting Church planter to Yarmouth, Brother Brooks Ray Suttles. Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. is the annual Church Christmas program. Candlelight service at 6 p.m., Dec. 24.

South Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



A great sunny day here this a.m. The wind is blowing so fiercely, but the sun is warm-

ing the house nicely.

Birthday wishes are going out to Kip Hemingway, Joey Green, Jane Perham, Karen Miller, Harry Buswell, Jerry Major, David Verrier, Ricky Emery, Howard Allen, Mary Walker Boothby, Rusty Brackett, Charlene Hoyt, Tammy Lilly, Dori Coffin, Ralph Merrill, Tony Stevens, Erlon Hadley, Dale Hadley, Joan Campbell, Heath Poland, Randy Wilday, Clay Wilson, Betty Davis and anyone else who may be celebrating in November.

Dell Parker and I entertained the residents at Ledgeview Nursing Home yesterday afternoon. It's so rewarding to be able to spend our time with each one. We have gotten to know a lot of folks from our visits. We enjoyed our visit with Peggy Roberts, Juanita Ford, Priscilla Hemingway, Vance Bacon and others.

Busy with Thanksgiving plans with family and friends - praying for a great day Thursday so those who will be traveling will be safe on the roads.

Is there anyone out there who might have a plastic canvas pattern for lighthouses and frogs? I am looking for the patterns for the boutique tissue boxes.

I have got to find the time to get my Christmas cards signed and addressed this week - not much time left to get

them ready and in the mail.

We called on friends Ed and Gerry Brown in Auburn last week. It's always nice visiting with friends when we are in the area.

I recently changed internet providers, I was getting so frustrated with the service I have had for seven years.

Well, dear readers, time for me to get back to my crocheting and knitting; I've got several things to get done before the middle of next month.

That's all from the valley this week. Stay well.

Happy Thanksgiving! Wishing each of you a great day.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Ladies Aid schedule of events has Dec. 14 listed as the date for the annual Communi-

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TOWN OF NEWRY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Newry Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Tuesday December 3, 2013 @ 7:00 am at the Newry Town Office 422 Bear River Road Newry, Maine, to receive public comments on the proposed General Assistance Ordinance as proposed by the State. This Ordinance is filed with the Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in compliance with Title 22 M.R.S.A. 4305(4).

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ty Christmas Party.

The Upton Historical Society is in the process of purchasing a log caliper, circa 1900. The wheel on the caliper was built by E.S. Lane of Upton. The caliper was owned and used by F.S. Peaslee, also of Upton. The purchase was made possible through the generous donation of an Upton resident.

The State Line Snowmobile Club's next meeting will be Saturday, Dec. 7, 9 a.m. at the Upton House.

I believe that my sister, Kathy, may have been the only person that noticed that I didn't write an Upton column last week. She is certainly the only one that said anything to me about it.

The old spring thermometer on the back porch never read out of the single numbers today (Sunday). The newer digital thermometer lies. It read 14 degrees about noon. Maybe winter is going to happen. The meteorologists are predicting SNOW for Wednesday! Keep on dancing.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



The wind is blowing, howling like no tomorrow. Lefty and Gertrude are hiding under the porch to keep from getting blown away. Saturday, I was almost blown over carrying cardboard. That was before the wind got really bad. Around here, it sounds like a freight train is roaring through the neighborhood. The door to the dog house keeps blowing shut and the birds want no part of it. Driving through downtown Norway and South Paris to pick up Sadie, trees, children's

beach balls and all manner of debris flew across the road. I was glad I was alone. I am glad to be home.

Last week I went to Bethel with my friend Bonnie to the first session of the Lyme Support group. It is to meet the third Wednesday of the month at Telstar High School. We hope more people will come because it is one of the best ways I know to deal with Lyme disease. FMI call Rhonda at 824-3076.

The Norway Lyme support group will meet this Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Fare Share Commons. This, too, is a support and education group. FMI please call Tracy at 674-3781.

Chanukah starts this week. Nov. 27 is the first night and Thanksgiving Day is the first day. It lasts for 8 days and 8 nights. Happy Chanukah to all.

We are expecting friends Tom and Kathleen and maybe Gloria for thanksgiving. The turkey is already defrosting and now for the sides.

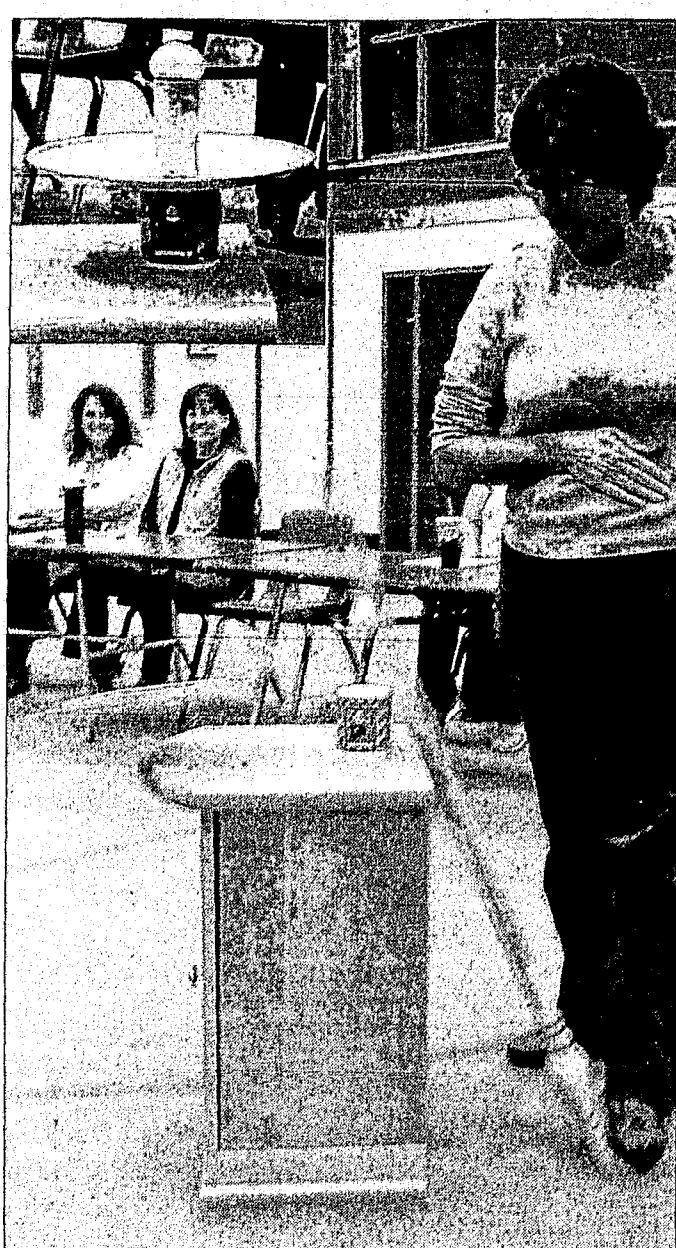
Friday, Nov. 29, wish a happy birthday to daughter Rachel West. She is still not 30. Such a kid.

Sunday, Dec. 1, the Rotary Country Breakfast will be at Gould Academy's Ordway Hall 7:30 to 11 a.m. Proceeds will benefit scholarship and community projects. Adults are \$7 in advance and \$8 the day of. Children under 12 are \$3.

Monday, Dec. 2, Socrates Café will meet at Waterford Library at 6:30 p.m. Topic is "Are Humans the Masters of Their Fate?" Moderator is Jim Kearney. Call 583-6957.

Guess next is Christmas. Better get ready as it is coming soon.

Have a great Thanksgiving and stay warm and safe. If you have something you would like to see in this column, please call 743-0583.



EGG IN THE CUP TRICK—Woodstock Elementary School teacher Tanya Prentice recently took part in the Mickelson Exxon Mobil Teachers' Academy, a professional development program that emphasizes problem solving. As a demonstration at a recent SAD 44 School Board meeting, Prentice set up a coffee mug with a pizza pan balanced on top of it, and a cardboard tube standing vertically on the pan (inset). On the tube was an egg. Using only a broom to touch the assembly, directors were asked to find a way to get the egg into the cup. When no one came up with a solution, Prentice guided board chair Lainey Cross through the procedure. Holding the broom bottom down firmly with one foot and the top of the handle with one finger, Cross pulled the handle back a bit and then released it quickly. It snapped sideways and projected the pan and the tube from beneath the egg, dropping it into the cup.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The high winds were terrible last Sunday. We lost our power around 2:30 p.m. on

Sunday afternoon and it was restored about 1:30 a.m. Monday morning. The power line comes up the North Road, so there always seems to be a tree limb that takes down the wires. Considering all the outages that CMP had to deal with, I don't think we made out too bad. As of Monday morning, there were still quite a few people without power in Oxford County. I had to wait until 6 a.m. Monday morning to write this column, so it will be a short one.

My brother, Steve McLain, even lost power at his house on Route 2. He was prepared with his wood stove already going. Of course, the Bog Road was without power, so Celia Broomhall was extra busy taking care of her horses because they still need their water. Without power, that means carry it to the barn.

Just looked out the front window and there is a beautiful bright reddish sky! Wonder what kind of weather is coming next!

I think this is enough for this early in the morning. The wind is still blowing and taking down trees in some areas, but I hope the power stays on here in Gilead. If it doesn't we are ready.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

THS college workshops

The THS Guidance Office, sponsored by MELMAC Education Foundation, is pleased to provide a series of workshops regarding the college application and financial aid processes for students and their families, beginning Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 6 to 8 p.m.

This first workshop will focus on completing college applications and the beginning steps of filing the FAFSA, (the Free Application for Federal Student Aid) which is required by most colleges, and the CSS Profile, if applicable. Parents and students will learn how to obtain PIN numbers (needed for FAFSA completion) and how to avoid paying fees for FAFSA completion.

Location of workshop: THS Library.

We do ask that students bring their school-issued laptops to the workshop sessions. Please call Lori Lindsay at 824-2136, ext. 311 for further information.

THS/TMS Volunteer Corner

A HUGE thank you to those who responded to the previous article concerning the middle school's reading rewards program at www.donorschoose.org. Mrs. Lindsay Luetje is delighted that they have met their financial goal and have already begun receiving books which will be distributed to the students. Thank you all!

Other teacher requests are coming in and there is a plan to compile a resource list which teachers can consult when looking for community volunteers in their classrooms. Again, if you have an interest, profession, or hobby which you would like to share with students, please contact me via email at write_to_rosemary@yahoo.com. Mr. John Eliot (eliotj@sad44.org) is still looking for outdoor, construction types to help with the spring construction and financing of a three-season outdoor learning building. Mrs. Sarah Southam (southams@sad44.org) wants to build a strong list of people willing to participate in Career Week in the spring. She also sponsors NHS and Telstar Nordic Skiing and can use help with that.

There are a number of teacher requests which I will continue to share, but here are a few new ones:

* Someone to offer private instrumental or piano lessons, Mrs. Jennifer Bennett (Bennettj@sad44.org).
* Chaperones for softball season, Mr. Jim Lunney (lunneyj@sad44.org).

* Guest lecturers in Earth and Environmental Sciences, Ms. Kelly Dole (dolek@sad44.org).

Please consider lending a hand, getting involved, and sharing your talent with our local students. They and their teachers are doing amazing things and helping out can only make it better!

Christmas at the Mason House

Once again, the Bethel Historical Society is making plans to hold its annual "Christmas at the Mason House" event. This year's open house will occur on Saturday, Dec. 7, between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m., when the first floor period rooms of the 200-year-old residence (begun in 1813) will be open for viewing. Thanks to the efforts of several dedicated volunteers, the rooms will be decorated in traditional mid-nineteenth century style and illuminated by candles; other volunteers will be making and donating cookies, squares and other tasty treats for visitors to enjoy. As always, there will be music in the form of Christmas and other seasonal selections. The event is free to the public, although donations will not be refused!

The Society's annual 20 percent-off Museum Shop sale at the Robinson House (10 Broad Street) will start on Black Friday (Nov. 29) and run through December (Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 207-824-2908). Sale items will include a wide range of products inspired by the Society's museum and research library collections, as well as books, gifts, and special publications associated with past and current exhibits at the Society's "Museum of Regional History." The sale also includes items listed on the Museum Shop page of the Society's website (www.bethelhistorical.org).

Regular updates about the Mary E. Valentine Collections wing are now being featured on the Society's Facebook page. Exterior work currently includes the construction of an open porch along the south side of the new wing, and the application of pre-primed cedar clapboards to all three sides of the building. The Society is very grateful to all those who have contributed funds beyond the Valentine bequest to make the much-needed expansion of the Robinson House a reality.

Founded in 1966, the Bethel Historical Society is the largest and most comprehensive historical organization in its region. With nearly 1,000 members, the Society fosters a sense of place—with a focus on western Maine and the White Mountain region of Maine and New Hampshire—by collecting, preserving, displaying and interpreting historically significant artifacts and documents for residents, visitors, students, and scholars. Through its exhibits, programs, events, and publications, the Society strives to make the region's history meaningful, accessible, and enjoyable. In 1974, the Society acquired the 1813 Broad Street residence of Dr. Moses Mason, which contains a period house museum, exhibit hall and research library. In 1999, the Society added the adjacent O'Neil Robinson House (1821) to its facilities for an expanded exhibits program, museum shop space, and administrative offices. For nearly 50 years, the Bethel Historical Society's wide-ranging achievements have been recognized by a number of state and national organizations.

TMS ArtReach and sale

Telstar Middle School students will present the ArtReach Jamboree and Student Art Sale on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2013 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Telstar Auditorium and Cafeteria (snow date: Dec. 6, same time). This free event will feature a student art exhibit and sale and a Jamboree concert featuring some of Maine's finest musicians. In the fall, TMS Advanced Art students chose to focus this year's ArtReach

service-learning project on helping the new Bethel animal shelter, "Heart of the Mountains." Since then, students have been working on animal-themed artworks to offer for sale, and they have also been producing a short film to educate the public about the animal shelter project. These efforts, and more, will be showcased at this event.

The Jamboree concert will begin at 6 p.m., and

will feature special performances from local professional musicians including Jewel Clark and Donnie Katlin, Richard Felt and Friends, Late for Assembly and Denny Breau. Refreshments will be provided, and all proceeds from the event will benefit Heart of the Mountains. For more information about this event, contact Melissa Prescott, TMS Visual Art Teacher at prescotm@sad44.org.

Teacher certification class offered

Educators and students at all levels seeking courses toward teacher certification or re-certification can choose from a growing number of courses offered at University College at South Paris for the Spring 2014 semester, which begins this January. Courses are taught by University of Maine System faculty at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Most of the courses are delivered online. Students without high-speed internet

access can participate in the courses at University College's well-equipped computer lab. Staff at the center offer support to all students who are new to online learning.

"Each semester we offer a wide variety of education courses online and at our center," said Nikki Abbott, Director of University College at South Paris. "We are excited to offer courses and programs in our community that will allow people with busy schedules to

become certified as Maine teachers."

University College also makes available certification programs in Special Education and Elementary Education from the UMS campuses.

Registration for the Spring 2014 semester courses is open and ongoing. Call 743-9322 for more information. To view a complete listing of education courses, please visit: [www.learn.maine.edu/southparis](http://­­www.learn.maine.edu/southparis)

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WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY



Woodstock fifth graders working on a maze challenge presented to them on their recent overnight field trip to University of Maine Bryant Pond 4H Camp.



Gage Knapp holding his team's bottle rocket which launched over 200 ft into the air. Students participated in several STEM lessons which involved bottle rockets and trebuchets.

CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The fourth graders at CPS have been learning about the water cycle. We recently completed an activity where they were "water droplets" going through the water cycle. They went to different stations gathering beads as they went. They wrote stories about their adventure as a water droplet.



Reading Buddies in Ms. Charette and Mrs. Danelson's classes enjoyed doing some Thanksgiving activities together. Bryson Carr and Landyn Blaisdell were excited to use their number cube to "roll a turkey".

TELSTAR NEWS



On Friday, November 8th, a group of five Telstar Middle School Students participated in Civil Rights Team Training at the University of Maine in Farmington. Grade 8 students Elayna Harrison and Becca Morin along with grade 7 students Emily Hanscom, Reese Rosenberg, and Annika Mitchell participated in the training.

School-based civil rights teams began in Maine as an initiative of the state District Attorney's office in an effort to ensure that all students feel safe, welcome, and respected in Maine public schools. Telstar has what is known as an 'affiliate team'. This means that Civil Rights is part of the group's focus, but not the entire focus. This year the group has taken the name "TMS Team Respect".

The training included a great deal of information about topics such as similarities and differences, the development of "US and Them" thought patterns, and finding commonalities with all kinds of people. The training was highly interactive, with varied activities plus 'community circles' -- mixed groupings in which students could share views with those from other participating schools. As an added bonus, participants were able to enjoy lunch at the University cafeteria.

Telstar's participants all expressed that they enjoyed the training and learned a great deal from it. They are also enthusiastic about adapting some of the activities to use with their peers.

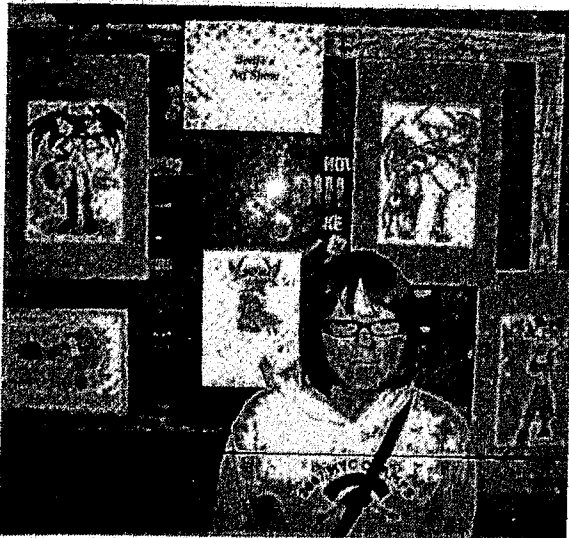


Seventh graders in Mr. Greenberg's Social Studies class learned about Cuneiform, the earliest form of writing created by the Sumerians in Mesopotamia in about 3500 BCE. They each wrote 5 sentences using Sumerian pictographs, Sumerian cuneiform, Sumerian numbers and pictographs they created themselves to fill in the blanks. Then they inscribed the sentences in clay tablets using styluses, which is what the Sumerians used instead of paper.

DISTRICT NEWS



A group of first grade teachers, principals, tech staff and our superintendent attended the iPad conference held in Auburn last week to further their knowledge about using iPads in the classroom. This work continues the effort in our district to individualized learning for our students. Pictured above are back: Jolene Littlehale, Peter Kuzyk, Kirsten Meader, Levi Brown, and David Murphy. Front: Karen DeCarolis, Mary Merrill, Sherry Wentworth, and Megan Smith.



TMS 8th Grade student Sonja Farrington poses outside of Mrs. Savage's classroom with her display of Sonic artwork she has been working on in her spare time as a hobby and in her art class.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Food Pantry; Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

Wednesday, Nov. 27

Newry Town Office; Closing at 12 noon.

Andover Town Office; Open 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve Service; 7 p.m., West Bethel Union Church. Rev. Carol Stevens from the Methodist Church in Bethel will be participating. Friends and members of other churches in the Bethel area are invited to join in this celebration of giving thanks to God for our many blessings in this land of opportunity.

Thursday, Nov. 28

Thanksgiving Day Worship and Gratitude Service; 10 a.m., First Church of Christ, Scientist, 5 Morill Road, Norway. Following brief readings from the Scriptures and Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy, the service will be opened to the congregation to share testimonies of gratitude appropriate for the occasion.

Thanksgiving Grand Buffet; 1 to 5 p.m., the Bethel Inn Resort. Entrees include Carved roasted steamship round of beef, roasted turkey, and Maine crabmeat stuffed sole plus a dozen assorted salads, potatoes and stuffing, Maine seafood display with shrimp cocktail and more and a dessert table with traditional Maine favorites. \$37.95/adults, \$19.95/children 5 to 12, children 4 and under eat free. Reservations: 824-2175 ext. 0.

Newry Town Office; Closed for Thanksgiving.

Andover Town Office; Closed for Thanksgiving.

Friday, Nov. 29

Local Craft and Wares Fair; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Bethel Inn Resort's Conference Center. Knit items, baskets, quilts, jewelry, jams, jellies, pickles, holiday decorations and more from 35 local crafters.

Bethel Historical Society Museum Sale; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum's annual 20 percent-off sale will run through December (Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).

Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides; 1 to 3 p.m., Bethel Common. Sponsored by Smokin' Good BBQ.

Saturday, Nov. 30

Benefit for Cody Bean; 5 to 7 p.m., American Legion in Locke's Mills. Cody is a 2-year-old boy diagnosed with neuroblastoma, a cancer found in young children. Spaghetti Supper will be from 5 to 7 p.m. (\$8 adults, \$4 children 5 and up, under 5 free, \$20 family cap); Dance with DJ Bill Morton at 8 p.m. (\$10 per person, \$15 for dinner and dance, BYOB). Other evening events include a massage therapist offering chair massages at \$1 per minute; a Silent Auction; 50/50 raffle; Awareness Bracelets; T-Shirts; photographer. To donate otherwise: Checks payable to "Cody Bean Family Trust," Northeast Bank, 235 Main St., South Paris ME 04281.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., American Legion, Church Street, South Paris. \$5 per person.

Sunday, Dec. 1

Rotary Country Breakfast; 7:30 to 11 a.m., Ordway Hall, Gould Academy. Adults/\$7-advance (\$8 at the door). Children under 12/\$3. Pancake breakfast with all the fixings. Proceeds to benefit scholarships and community projects.

Monday, Dec. 2

Socrates Café Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: "Are Humans the Masters of Their Fate?" Moderator: Jim Kearney. FMI call 583-6957.

Tuesday, Dec. 3

USM Graduate School Information Session; 4 to 5 p.m. Potential students will have an opportunity to learn more about the programs available locally from the University of Southern Maine. FMI: 743-9322.

Telstar Jamboree and Student Art Sale; 5 to 8 p.m., Telstar (snow date, Dec. 16). FMI: www.makeitpawsable.wix.com/telstar.

TMS PTA Meeting; 6 to 7:30 p.m., Telstar library.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

Snow Valley Sno-Goers Potluck/Meeting; 6 p.m. potluck dinner followed by a regular meeting at 7 p.m. Again this year the club will collect toys and items which will be donated to the Andover Elementary School for their Yuletide Holiday store

where the students "shop" for presents for family and friends. The Fall 50/50 winner will also be drawn that night. Please bring a dish to share, it's always a fun time for all.

Greenwood Historical Society Meeting/Potluck; Historical Society building, Locke's Mills. Potluck supper: 6 p.m. Meeting: 7 p.m. A pretty package auction will follow the meeting. FMI: 875-3726.

THS College Workshop; 6 to 8 p.m., Telstar Library. Parents and students will learn how to obtain PIN numbers (needed for FAFSA completion) and how to avoid paying fees for FAFSA completion. Location of workshop: THS Library. Students are asked to bring their school-issued laptops to the workshop sessions. FMI: Lori Lindsay (824-2136 ext. 311).

An Irish Christmas; 7 p.m., Skye Theater, South Carthage. Concert by Grammy award winning musician Moya Brennan. FMI: <http://www.necelticarts.com/>. Tickets: 207-562-4445.

Thursday, Dec. 5

Bethel Senior Citizens' Victorian Mansion Trip; 8:30 a.m. \$13 per person.

WES PTA Meeting; Woodstock Elementary School library.

"Let's Talk About It" Book Group; 6:30 p.m., Norway Library. Discussion on "House of Stone" by Anthony Shadidby. Facilitated by Reza Jalali, the Muslim Chaplain at Bates College.

Friday, Dec. 6

First Friday Reception and Holiday Party; 5 to 8 p.m., Western Maine Art Group's Main Street Gallery, 426 Main Street, Norway. Featuring paintings by Julieanne Reed, December's Artist of the Month.

WES Cookies with Santa; 6 to 7:30 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School multi-purpose room.

Cohen Chamber Music Series; 7:30 p.m., Hebron Academy's LePage Center for the Arts, 309 Paris Road, Hebron. Chamber music concert featuring virtuoso cellist Jan Muller-Szeraws and internationally renowned pianist Ya-Fei Chuang. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, Dec. 7

Breakfast with Santa/Silent Auction; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Crescent Park Elementary School, Bethel. Benefits CPS fifth-grade trip to Boston.

West Paris Firemen's Auxiliary Craft Fair; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Agnes Gray Elementary School, West Paris. Chili, corn chowder, sweets, coffee and bottled water will be on sale.

Greens Sale; 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., West Bethel Union Church. Crafts, cookie walk, and food.

Annual Christmas Tea and Fair; 1 to 4 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Traditional tea, crafts, cookie walk and more.

Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides; 1 to 3 p.m., Bethel Common. Sponsored by the River View Resort.

Annual Christmas Tea and Fair; 1 to 4 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Traditional tea, crafts, Christmas decorations, tiny treasures, cookie walk, and more.

Robinson Ballet Company's 8th Annual Nutcracker Ballet; 3 p.m., Berlin Junior High auditorium, Berlin, N.H. Advance tickets: \$12/adults, \$6/students. FMI: St. Kieran Arts (603-752-1028).

Bethel Rotary Jingle Bell Run; 3:30 p.m.: Meet at 96 Main Street, Bethel to get a bell. 4 p.m.: Run (or walk) to the Bethel Common to be greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Claus and see Santa light the 15-foot tree on the common for the coming season. FMI: Ellie Andrews (592-9614 or workngal@megalink.net).

Christmas at the Mason House; 3:30 to 6 p.m., Moses Mason House. This is the last Society-sponsored event of the year.

Fundraising Supper and Silent Auction; 5:30 p.m., Fare Share Common. FMI: 743-9044.

Christmas Tree Lighting; 6 to 7 p.m., Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street. Celebrate the lighting of the Memorial Christmas Tree. Music, Desserts and hot drinks served in the dining room. Lights in memory/honor of loved ones can be purchased for \$5 each. Donations can be sent to PO Box 387, Bethel, Maine, 04217.

Silent Movie Night; 7 to 9 p.m., Old Tuscan Opera House, Dixfield. Jeff Rapsis, experienced silent film pianist will accompany two short films and one full-length feature film. Dirigo High School students, dressed in period garb, will serve as ushers, venders of popcorn and refreshments and ticket agents. Advance tickets: Kurt Rowly (381-0089) or Rylee L'Italian (367-3935).

Waterford World's Fair Supper; Waterford Congregational Church. Menu: Baked stuffed had-dock with potato, vegetable, drink, bread, and homemade pie. FMI: Bill Winslow (595-1601) or Dana Hemingway (595-2430).

Quilt Raffle; The First Universalist Church of West Paris is raffling off a large double-size quilt created by members of the church's Goodwill Fellowship. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. FMI: Beverly Stevens (739-0767 or bstevens@megalink.net).

Sunday, Dec. 8

Mahoosuc Community Band Christmas Concert; 4 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Donations accepted to defray costs for the band. Refreshments will be served.

Monday, Dec. 9

Early Childhood ACEs and Resiliency Summit; 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Crosstone Conference Center at the Mollycokett Motel, Route 26, Woodstock. Join Sue Mackey Andrews for an important community discussion about the possible consequences of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) followed by a presentation by Chris Trout on identifying strengths and fostering resilience in the children and families we serve. Sponsored by Community Concepts at no charge. Light breakfast will be provided. Seating is limited so please reserve a spot before Nov. 28. FMI/reservations: Melissa Wakefield (739-6544).

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Mundt-Allen American Legion Post 81 Christmas Party; 5:30 p.m., Rooster's Roadhouse. RSVP to Bob McCartney (836-3575) or Bob Everett (836-2083) no later than Monday, Dec. 2.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

Marketing Workshop; 9 to 11 a.m., The Bethel Inn. Topics covered to include understanding the consumer, exploring the new marketing landscape, questioning current marketing plans and more. \$25/members of chambers of commerce serving Oxford County, \$30/nonprofits and non-chamber businesses. FMI/registration: Visit www.wmedc.org or contact Mia Purcell (739-6543 or mpurcell@communityconcepts.org).

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting; 11 a.m., The Bethel Inn. Menu: Choice of turkey or baked had-dock. RSVP prior to Dec. 1 by contacting Caroline (824-3226) or Arlene (824-2877).

North Country Community Chorus; 7 p.m., St. Kieran Arts Center, Berlin, N.H. Admission: By donation. FMI: 603-752-1028 or www.stkieranarts.org.

Thursday, Dec. 12

USDA Local Working Group Meeting; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., UMaine Cooperative Extension Office, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Interested farmers, land-owners and people from all areas of conservation are encouraged to attend.

Friday, Dec. 13

North Country Community Chorus; 7 p.m., St. Kieran Arts Center, Berlin, N.H. Admission: \$12/adults, \$6/students. FMI: 603-752-1028 or www.stkieranarts.org.

Saturday, Dec. 14

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Potluck Holiday Party; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. All are welcome. FMI: Kevin (farrout@roadrunner.com).

Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides; 1 to 3 p.m., Bethel Common. Sponsor TBA.

Sunday, Dec. 15

North Country Community Chorus; 2 p.m., St. Kieran Arts Center, Berlin, N.H. Admission: \$12/adults, \$6/students. FMI: 603-752-1028 or www.stkieranarts.org.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Telstar Middle/High School Winter Concert; 7 p.m., Telstar auditorium. Performances by the TMS band and chorus, conducted by TMS music teacher, Tom Coolidge. Performances by the THS band and chorus, conducted by THS music teacher, Jennifer Bennett.

Saturday, Dec. 21

Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides; 1 to 3 p.m., Bethel Common. Sponsor TBA.

Monday, Dec. 30

Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides; 1 to 3 p.m., Bethel Common. Sponsored by Sunday River Rentals, the Glen House and the Bingham House.

An Evening with Amity Schlaes; 6 p.m. Topic: "Scrooge as he is reflected in the current economy and popular culture." Seating is limited. RSVP required, preferably by Dec. 16. FMI/RSVP: 665-2049.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

New Year's Dance; 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., American Legion, Church Street, South Paris. Music by the Jones Band. Tickets are \$15 if reservations are made by Dec. 21. After that date, tickets are \$20. Ticket price includes a buffet at 9:45. FMI/Reservations: Betty Decoteau (743-7965).

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REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office.
Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.
Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.
Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.
Newry Selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4:30 p.m., Town Office.
Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.
Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.
Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office.
SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover
Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Com-

mittee meets.
Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym, Bethel
First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. - Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.
Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.
Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. - Road rides, depart from Bethel Bicycle. Call shop to confirm rides, 824-0100.
First Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Beacon House Peer Center, 3 Canal St. Rumford. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.
Third Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Telstar High School Library. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.
Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m. - Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.
Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.
Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. - Mountain bike ride departing from Bethel Bicycle. Call shop to confirm rides, 824-0100.
Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p.quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Upton
Sundays, 8 to 11 a.m. - Ladies Aid Society Breakfasts at the Ladies Aid building, Mill Road, Upton. Breakfasts vary. Cost: Donation.
Woodstock
Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.
Norway/Paris/West Paris
Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. - West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.
Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.
Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.
Fridays 9:15 a.m. - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.
Hebron
Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE Voices

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA Meetings/Addiction help

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street. People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Cancer Wellness

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

Exchanges/Pantries

Clothing Exchange

Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry

Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

Help for the Homeless

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

Mental illness

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second

floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

Veterans' Services

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris. Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9 to 12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

Multiple services

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

Alzheimer's Support

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

Brain injury support

Brain Injury Support Group for individuals with brain injuries and their families. West Side NeuroRehab, 618 Main St., Lewiston. First Monday of the month, 6 to 8 p.m. FMI: Deb Hammer 795-6110.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1 to 4:30 pm; Thursday 1 to 4:30 & 6 to 8 p.m. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library:

Monday 9 to 1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1 to 8; Thursday & Friday 1 to 5 Saturday, 9 to 1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial

Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library,

West Paris: Monday 1:30 to 6; Wednesday 1:30 to 7; Friday 1:30 to 6; Saturday 10 to 2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library,

Hanover: Wednesday, 9 to 3; Thursday, 5 to 8; Saturday, 9 to noon.

Calendar items

Calendar items may be brought to the Citizen office, e-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426. Deadline is Monday at Noon.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 to noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Route 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor. Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults, teens and children; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs-5th grade); 4:30-6:30 p.m. High School "Hang-Out" (location varies). Thursdays: 5-7 p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages), Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26). Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street. Rev. Richard Bennett. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

United Methodist - 79 Main Street, Pastor Carol Stevens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bi-

ble study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30 to 5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3 through high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. (North Waterford and East Stoneham Congregational Churches will hold their joint services in the church on Route 5 in East Stoneham during May.) Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9 a.m., followed by Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wednesday Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, South Paris. Pastor Ray Mitchell. Sunday morning service 9 a.m. (summer) with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation-Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Singersperation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. FMI: 689-8000.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, South Paris across the park from the Post Office. FMI: call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Services Sunday at 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday

School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake. FMI 743-2491.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. FMI 743-2606.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI: 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI: 603-466-2136.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. 276 King St. Oxford.

Our Lady of Ransom: Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Holy Eucharist, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary. 364-2193.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John - 125 Main Ave. Monday Liturgy of the word 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Tuesday Mass 6:30 p.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Wednesday Liturgy of the word 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Wednesday Mass 9 a.m., Our Lady of the Snows, Bethel; Thursday Mass 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Friday Mass 8 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Saturday Mass 4 p.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford; Saturday Mass 6 p.m., Our Lady of the Snows, Bethel; Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m., St. Athanasius and St. John's, Rumford.

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. 89 Congress St. Adult and teen Sunday school 9 a.m. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday night Bible study 6:45 p.m. FMI: 364-3856.

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by Helene Hovanec

CODED RIDDLE

Change each letter to the one that comes immediately BEFORE it in the alphabet to find a riddle and its answer.

Here's a copy of the alphabet to guide you:

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HOCUS-FOCUS

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.



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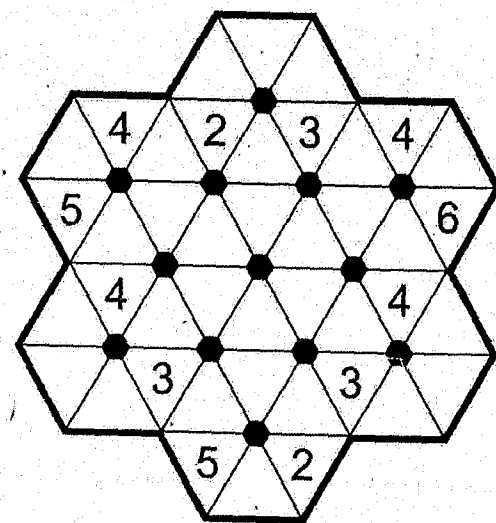
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by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

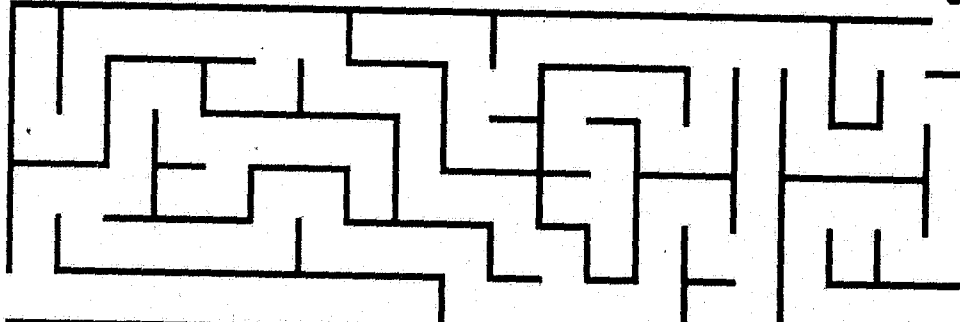


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Kids' Maze

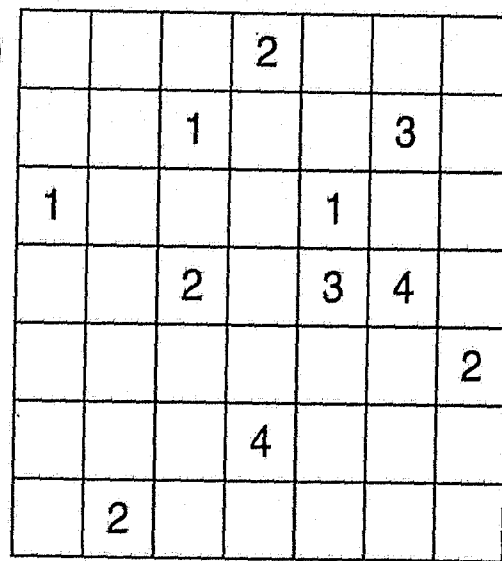


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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



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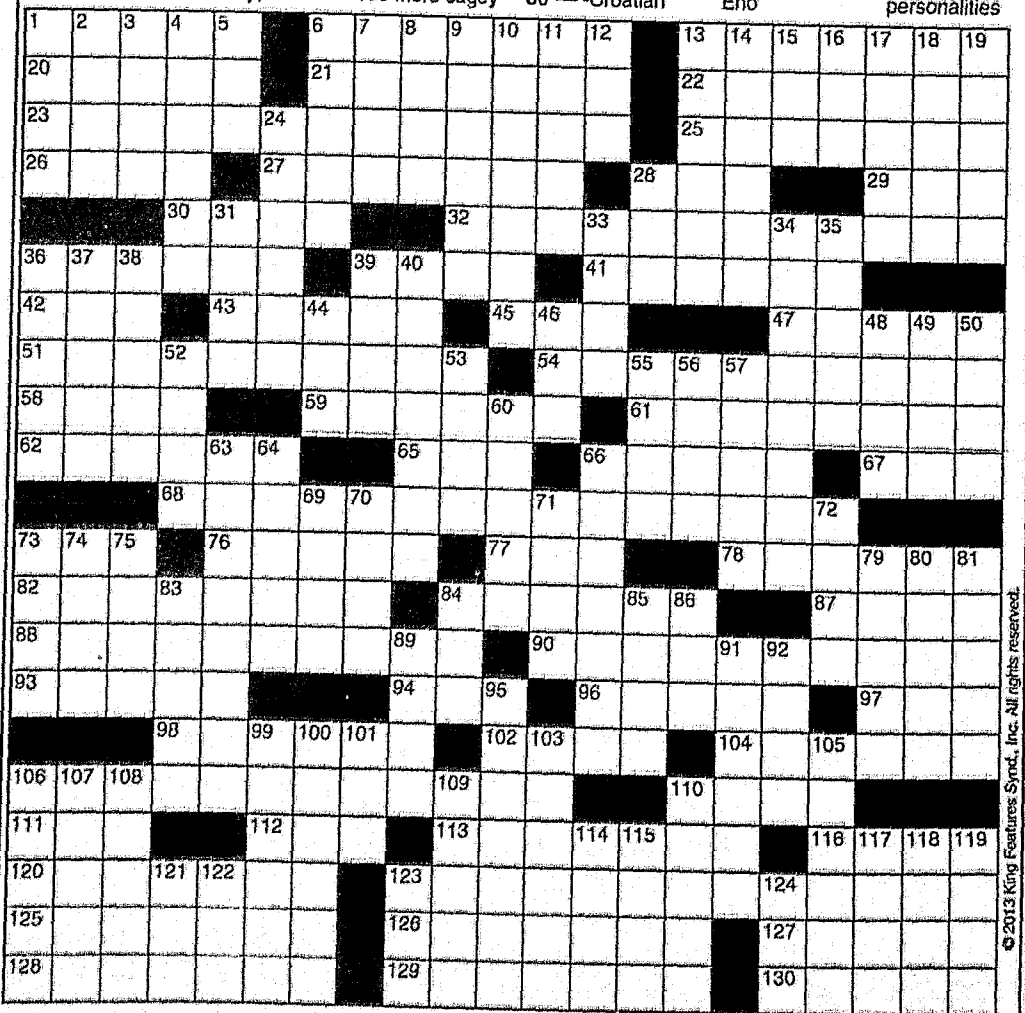
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Super Crossword

"ISLE SAY!"

- ACROSS
- 1 Wilde who's often quoted
 - 6 Deli meat
 - 13 Versatile furniture item
 - 20 Huge crowd
 - 21 Black piano keys, informally
 - 22 Greed
 - 23 Winter holiday cry on an island?
 - 25 Decuple
 - 26 Made haste
 - 27 Impart gradually
 - 28 Round Table address
 - 29 Hollywood's West
 - 30 Church recess
 - 32 Event for socializing with a celebrity on an island?
 - 36 Feels in one's bones
 - 39 Atkins of country
 - 41 George Bush's rival in 2000
 - 42 Lead-in for skeleton
 - 43 Viola relative
 - 45 Sorrowful
 - 47 Musical practice piece
 - 51 1980s puzzle
 - 54 "9 to 5" singer on an island?
 - 58 Engendered
 - 59 Disaffirms
 - 61 Not made up for, as sins
 - 62 Bind legally
 - 65 Barbecue boltherer
 - 66 Russian vodka brand, for short
 - 67 Snaky shape
 - 68 1939 Oscar winner on an island?
 - 73 Assents to
 - 76 Event for the accused
 - 77 "Silver" novelist Lovin
 - 78 Not far off
 - 82 Short play or opera
 - 84 Skull caps?
 - 87 Mucky earth
 - 88 Top dog on an island?
 - 90 Using both TV and radio on an island?
 - 93 "— free!" (hostage's cry)
 - 94 Alop, to bards
 - 96 Lerner's "My Fair Lady" collaborator
 - 97 Tank filler
 - 98 Arctic covering
 - 102 Site for a cyberauction
 - 104 "— we met?"
 - 106 "My Way" singer on an island?
 - 110 Heap
 - 111 Snake-like fish
 - 112 Make the effort
 - 113 More suggestive of an equine
 - 116 Ostich relative
 - 120 Paradoxes
 - 123 Drawer of needlessly complex machines on an island?
 - 125 Veer
 - 126 Was overly fond of
 - 127 Actor Foxx
 - 128 Feel weak in the heat
 - 129 Spring farm
 - 130 More cagey
 - 131 Little kiss
 - 133 "I did it!"
 - 134 Amino acid supplement popular with bodybuilders
 - 135 Prefix with fit
 - 136 — Croatian
 - 137 Affluent outlying area
 - 138 Peace award
 - 139 Solving aid
 - 140 Boot-sole reinforcer
 - 144 Kind of PC screen
 - 146 Gym rat's "six-pack"
 - 148 — Reader (magazine name)
 - 149 Executives
 - 150 Terminations
 - 152 "Got it, bro"
 - 153 — She Sweet!
 - 155 Guitar's kin
 - 156 — pronounce you ...
 - 157 Pol Sarah
 - 160 Moral system
 - 163 Test of inner courage
 - 164 Keep an — the ground
 - 166 Former HHS chief Donna
 - 169 Bearing
 - 170 Battles it out
 - 171 Mine car
 - 172 Notre —
 - 173 — and aahs
 - 174 Leg bender
 - 175 Chair or pew
 - 179 Chain of hills
 - 180 Musician Eno
 - 181 Fungi in a supermarket
 - 183 Sys —
 - 184 Make a case against?
 - 185 Gambit
 - 186 Holy Mile, 89 — flight (go by plane)
 - 191 Revolving
 - 192 Entrée, e.g.
 - 195 Put on a detour
 - 199 Will concern
 - 100 Person swearing
 - 101 Lowell or Tan
 - 103 — wire fence
 - 105 Spoken
 - 106 Eats
 - 107 Replenish
 - 108 Still kicking
 - 109 Spasm
 - 110 Lowly types
 - 114 "Smooth Operator" singer
 - 115 Stereotypical lab assistant
 - 117 Prefix for "hall"
 - 118 — Canal
 - 119 Antiquing aid
 - 121 Baseball's Hodges
 - 122 Talam, e.g.
 - 123 Radio spots
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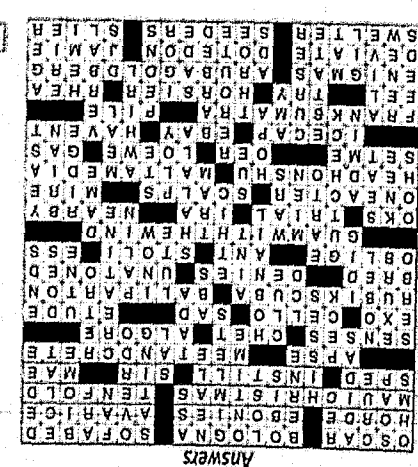


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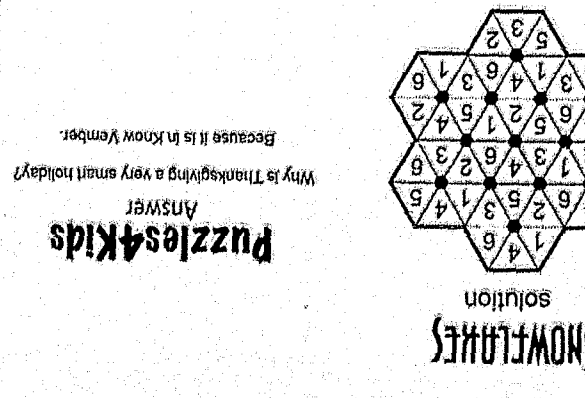
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1. Remove; 2. Clean; 3. Build; 4. A light solution

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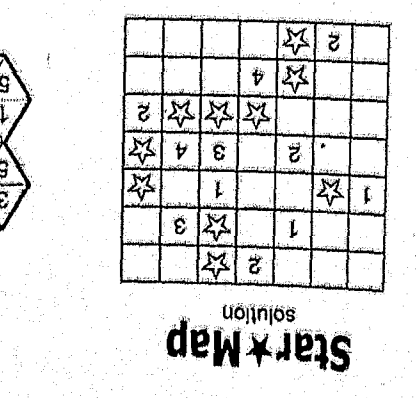
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ANSWER

Why is Thanksgiving a very small holiday? Because it is in November.



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Here it is!

for the next 5 weeks a look at what area stores have to offer



Home for the Holidays

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Happening Around Town

Local Crafts & Wares Fair, 2013 November 29

"Get it done" early -- local crafters including handmade baskets, paintings, photography, knit items, handmade jewelry, jams, jellies, pickles, soaps, lotions, quilted items, wooden ware products, and lots more. Located at the Bethel Inn Resort Conference Center. Friday, 9-4.

Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides November 29

Horse-drawn wagon rides for the whole family! 1-3pm. Sponsored by Smokin' Good BBQ. Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. Rides given by Deepwood Farm.

A Country Breakfast in Bethel December 1

Sunday, December 1, 2013, 7:30 to 11:00 a.m., Ordway Hall at Gould Academy, Bethel. All you can eat breakfast to benefit scholarships and other Rotary programs. \$7/adults for advance tickets; \$3 for kids; \$8 at the door.

Christmas at the Mason House December 7

Music & refreshments in the Mason House period rooms, decorated in traditional nineteenth century style and illuminated by candles. Free and open to the public (donations appreciated); 3:30 to 6:30 PM 14 Broad Street, Bethel. FMI, Bethel Historical Society, 207-824-2908 /800-824-2910

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Jingle Bell Run 2013 to Meet Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus December 7

3:30-3:45pm: GET YOUR BELLS! Revelers meet at the Key Bank clock (96 Main Street, Bethel) and be given a bell provided by Bevin Bells -- thanks, Matt Bevin! 4:00pm: RUN TO MEET THE CLAUSES! The group will jog (or walk) from Key Bank to the Bethel Common to be greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Claus. After high-fiving all participants (not really, but he will give out candy canes!), Santa will channel his powers and light up the 15' tree on the common for the coming season.



Think Local for Black Friday and Small Business Saturday

There are so many reasons to shop locally as much as possible, and there are two fun and easy ways to do it this week in Bethel.

On Black Friday, November 29, over 30 vendors from the Bethel area and around western Maine will sell their handmade products at the annual Local Craft & Wares Fair at the Bethel Inn Conference Center. It will be packed with jewelry, knits, bath and body products, holiday and home décor, wood products -- lots of things that look pretty, smell good, and feel right. Make sure to buy tickets to win prizes from the vendors, and enjoy free horse-drawn wagon rides throughout the village from 1-3 p.m. sponsored by Smokin' Good BBQ.

Bethel will be part of a nationwide movement for Small Business Saturday on November 30. Look for the blue and white balloons and welcome mats at participating stores. American Express customers can register at smallbusinesssaturday.com to receive a \$10 credit on their statements if they make a \$10 or more purchase at eligible stores. You might be surprised at just how much shopping you can get done in one trip around Bethel!

Apple Cider Turkey

5 to 7-lb. turkey or turkey breast
1 cup apple cider vinegar
¼ cup salt
¼ cup pepper
¼ cup oil
2 tbsp dried parsley

Place turkey or turkey breast in a large oven roasting bag. Combine apple cider vinegar, salt, pepper, oil and parsley in a container and shake until mixed thoroughly. Pour over turkey and bake at 300 degrees for 2-1/2 to 3-1/2 hours, or until done.

Cheddar Potato Gratin

2 tsp dried sage
1-1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
3 lbs. potatoes, peeled, thinly sliced and divided
1 onion, thinly sliced and divided
8-oz. pkg. shredded Cheddar cheese, divided
1 cup whipping cream
1 cup chicken broth

Mix sage, salt and pepper in a cup; set aside. Layer 1/3 of potatoes and half of onion in a lightly greased 13"x9" baking pan. Sprinkle with one teaspoon of sage mixture and 1/3 of cheese. Repeat layers with remaining ingredients, ending with cheese. Whisk cream and broth together until well blended; pour evenly over top. Bake, covered, at 400 degrees for one hour, until tender and golden. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

Nutty Brown Sugar Squash

1½ cups water
1 acorn squash, halved and seeded
2 tbsp brown sugar, packed and divided
2 tsp butter, divided
salt and pepper to taste
½ cup chopped pecans, divided

Pour water into a 13"x9" baking dish; add squash cut-side down and bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until tender. Remove from pan; fill each half with one tablespoon brown sugar, one teaspoon butter, salt and pepper to taste and 1/4 cup pecans. Return to oven and bake an additional 10 minutes. Makes 2 to 4 servings.

Green Bean Bundles

3 14½ oz. cans whole green beans, drained
8 slices bacon, cut in half crosswise
6 tbsp butter, melted
½ cup brown sugar, packed
2 to 3 cloves garlic, minced

Gather beans in bundles of 10; wrap each bundle with a half-slice of bacon. Arrange bundles, seam-side down, in a lightly greased 13"x9" baking pan. Mix melted butter, brown sugar and garlic in a small bowl; spoon over bundles. Cover and bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes. Uncover; bake an additional 15 minutes. Serves 6.

Herbed Corn Bake

¼ cup butter
½ cup cream cheese, softened
¼ tsp onion salt
1 tbsp fresh chives, chopped
10-oz. pkg. frozen corn, thawed

Melt butter in a heavy saucepan over low heat. Add cream cheese, onion salt and chives, stirring until cheese melts. Add corn; mix well. Spoon into an ungreased 1-1/2 quart casserole dish. Cover and bake at 325 degrees until bubbly, about 45 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

Maple-Topped Sweet Potato Skins

6 sweet potatoes
½ cup cream cheese, softened
¼ cup sour cream
2 tsp cinnamon, divided
2 tsp nutmeg, divided
2 tsp ground ginger, divided
2 cups chopped walnuts or pecans
3 tbsp butter, softened
¼ cup brown sugar, packed
Garnish: warm maple syrup, additional nuts

Pierce potatoes with a fork. Bake at 400 degrees or microwave on high setting until tender; cool. Slice each potato in half lengthwise; scoop out baked insides, keeping skins intact. Place potato skins on an ungreased baking sheet. Mash baked potato in a bowl until smooth; add cream cheese, sour cream and one teaspoon each of spices. Mix well and spoon into potato skins. In a bowl, mix nuts, butter, brown sugar and remaining spices; sprinkle over top. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes. Drizzle with warm maple syrup; garnish as desired. Makes one dozen.

No Knead Yeast Butter Rolls

2 pkgs. yeast
½ cup lukewarm milk
1 lb. butter
2 cups cold milk
½ cup plus 2 tbsp white sugar
8 cups all-purpose flour
2 eggs, beaten
1 tbsp salt

Dissolve yeast with lukewarm milk and 2 tablespoons sugar. Melt butter in large bowl. Add cold milk, 1/2 cup sugar, salt, and eggs; mix well. Alternately add yeast and flour to the above mixture; mixing well after each addition. When mixed, leave dough in same bowl; cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight. On a lightly floured surface, divide dough into 4 parts. Roll each part separately into as large a circle as possible. Dough should be very thin. Cut into 16 wedges. Roll each piece from wide outside edge to center point. Lay point side down on ungreased baking sheet. Let rise in warm room until double in bulk (approximately 2-4 hours). Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes. Yield: 64 rolls.

Pumpkin Trifle

14½ oz. pkg. gingerbreadcake mix
1¼ cups water
1 egg
4 cups milk
4 1-oz. pkgs. sugar-free instant butterscotch pudding mix
15-oz. can pumpkin
1 tsp cinnamon
1/4 tsp ground ginger
1/4 tsp nutmeg
1/4 tsp allspice
12-oz. container frozen whipped topping, thawed

Combine cake mix, water and egg in a mixing bowl. Mix well and pour into an ungreased 8"x8" baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 40 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes; turn out of pan onto a wire rack. When completely cooled, crumble cake and set aside, reserving 1/4 cup crumbs for garnish. Whisk together milk and pudding mixes in a bowl for 2 minutes, or until slightly thickened. Let stand for 2 minutes, or until softly set. Stir in pumpkin and spices; mix well. In a trifle bowl or 3-1/2 quart glass serving bowl, layer one-quarter of the cake crumbs, one-half of pudding mixture, one-quarter of crumbs and one-half of whipped topping. Repeat layers, ending with topping. Garnish with reserved cake crumbs. Serve immediately or refrigerate. Serves 18.



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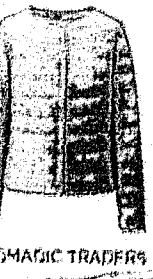
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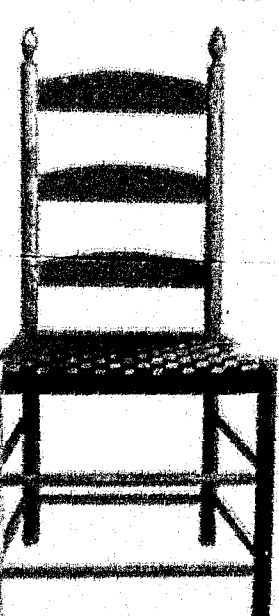
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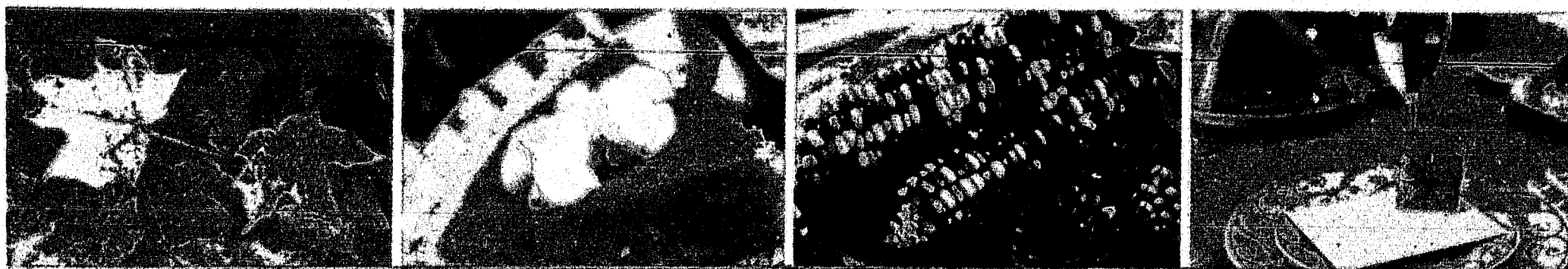
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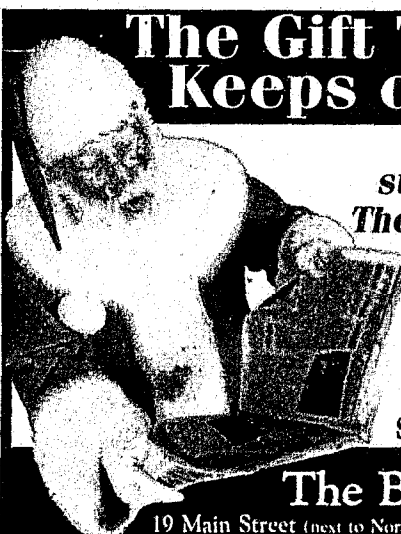
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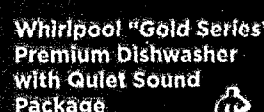
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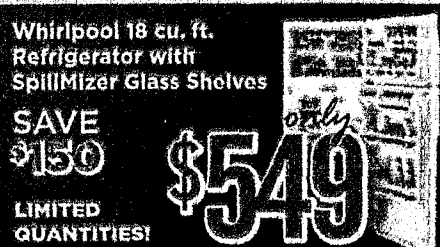
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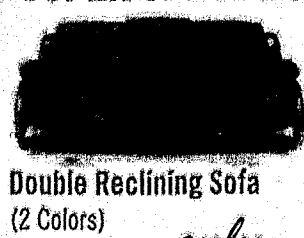


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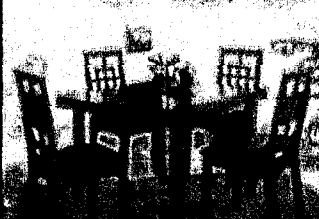
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Dec. 1, "Advent and the Art of Waiting" - Dec. 1 is the first Sunday of the "Advent Season" when Christians await the baby who brings the hope of peace on earth. At this service we will

explore the art of waiting which can sometimes be futile and more often brings the light of hope. The service is led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson, a graduate of Harvard Divinity School. Fayre is now a western Maine resident and regularly leads services at the First Universalist Church. She served for many years as Program Director of the Unitarian Universalist Camp and Conference Center at Ferry Beach in Saco. Prior to moving to Maine, Fayre enjoyed a long ministry as minister of the Fox-

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we be more careful givers? The service is led by the Reverend Fayre Stephenson. Dec. 22, Guest speaker, Cindy Reedy, will lead this "Seasonal Sermon" featuring readings and songs of Christmas spirit. Cindy is a frequent speaker at the First Universalist Church of West Paris, and she is a teacher and lifelong Unitarian-Universalist. Dec. 24 "Christmas Eve Celebration" candlelight service at 5:00 p.m., led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson - a traditional service of readings and carols for the whole family. There

will be special music and participants from the congregation. Dec. 29, "New Year, New Beginnings" a time of reflection, renewal, and hope - led by the Worship Service Committee. For more information about the church and worship services at the First Universalist Church of West Paris, Main Street, West Paris, please call Marta Clements, 674-2143. You can also visit <http://www.uua.org/> to learn more about Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations.

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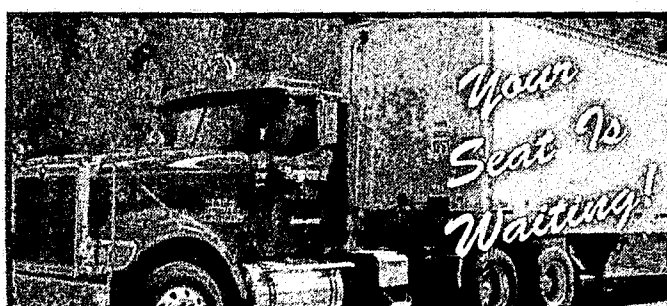
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WHEREAS, the statutory ninety (90) day redemption period has elapsed without redemption by the said Defendants, their successors or assigns:

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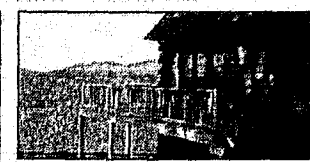
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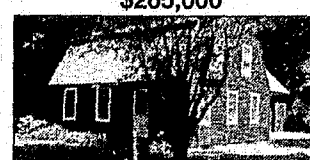
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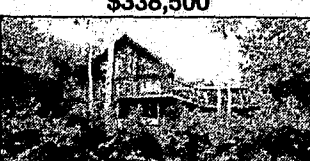

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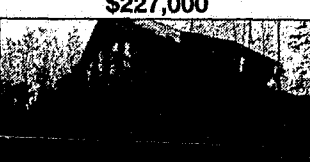
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Committee	Number of Vacancies	Length of Term (Years)
Appeals Board	2	3
Airport Authority	2	3
Budget Committee	4	3
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Obituaries

H. FENTON ROBERTSON

H. Fenton (Buster, Bus) Robertson, 86, formerly of Bethel, died Nov. 4, 2013 at his home in Richmond, Calif. He was born in Bethel on Jan. 5, 1927, the son of the late Sarah (Sadie) Kelley and Herman Robertson. He was educated in Bethel schools and graduated from Gould Academy after interrupting his studies to serve in the army. He attended college in Portland. Bus married Ethel Mae Phillips on Dec. 5, 1951. He worked for Brooks Bros., Warren Bean and Hanover Dowel Co. before moving to California in 1963 with Ethel and their two sons,

Charles and Bruce. They attended Bay Hill Church for 45 years and were active in the Gideons and Bay Area Rescue Mission. He worked 30 years for Victor Molding of Oakland, Calif.

He is survived by his wife Ethel, son Bruce and grandson Brian, all of Richmond, Calif., his sister Helen Cummings of Bethel, many loving nieces and nephews and wonderful friends.

Bus was predeceased by his brothers Winfield (Wiff), Henry and William (Bill), his sister Mary Keoski, niece Carol K. White Morin and nephews William (Bill) Keoski and Chris Robertson.

Services

Piawlock Service

Graveside services for Joshua Piawlock will be held Sunday, Dec. 1, at 1 p.m. at the East Bethel Cemetery.

Scott Davis service

A Celebration of Life for Scott Davis will take place Sunday, Dec. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. at The Sudbury Inn in Bethel. All are welcome to stop in and share stories of Scott.

RABIES CLINIC

There will be a rabies clinic on Saturday, December 14, 2013, at the Bethel Fire Station from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The fee for the rabies shot is \$15.00. PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN CASH ONLY!

A staff member from the Bethel Town Office will be available to license dogs for Bethel, Albany and Mason residents. Licensing fees are \$11.00 per dog or \$6.00 per spayed or neutered dog.

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The clearing out awaited, could not be postponed any longer. Where to find some help for B.B.? Who would be willing to work for any price in the slough? I phoned Edward A., who could always drag up anything you needed from some vast unknown, and explained the situation to him. He would try, he said, and in less than an hour he was here with "Cousin Hoyt." He was a man who had reared three children as exemplary citizens, but as for himself, he did not care to conform to the mores of our little valley. The years had marked their progress upon his once superb physique. He even had one glass eye but he was a natural gentleman. He plunged into the dirty work with gusto, even seemed to enjoy helping remove bathroom fixtures and seeing what was left of our old-fashioned plumbing. He helped carry the heavy mahogany furniture down the stairs, out the front door, across the porch and down the steps and onto the truck, around the house and more carrying up into the barn attic. Never an oath from him (I could not say the same for E.A. and B.B.) I worked away at the books, listing, saving a few, tossing most of them out the window onto the scrap pile and began to wonder if a well-filled bookcase in each room of the house was a very good asset.

Then who comes to offer aid but George and Scotty, ex-New Yorkers on the academy faculty, both always models of sartorial splendor. They had brought thermoses of hot coffee and doughnuts. We declined their offer of aid but much appreciated the food. "Hadt we better wait until you finish the heavy moving?" said George. "Of course," said Scotty. "But your clothes," said I.

"They will clean," said George and joined the moving crew. It was a picture stamped indelibly on my mind: slim, dapper George on one end of a double bed box spring and paunchy, overalled Hoyt on the other. Immaculate, tall, blond Scotty on one side of a box of books and short, drab, dirty me on the other. Darkness came down, enough for one day, said B.B. and more than enough, thought I. We had our coffee and our crew was off.

We took in the horses and this night I, too, was happy to go to Aunt Alice's. Luxury, luxury, clean, sweet-smelling house, hot food, hot water. I washed my clothes and threw the first two waters outside the back door for fear of clogging the sink drain, then hung them up on the pipes in the kitchen to dry overnight. Bone weary, I went to bed. The bed was too soft, the house was too hot, noises outside, street lights

shone in my eyes. No serene fields, no dark edge of mysterious woods, no sprinkling of stars. I wondered how I had ever lived in Manhattan for two years. I also remembered last night and decided that not yet was I ready to exchange beauty and quiet for comfort. I tiptoed downstairs early next a.m. to get my clothes but Alice and Laura, both over eighty but spry, had been up an hour and were waiting breakfast for us. We went back up the hill and worked all day Sunday, Of Carpenters

B.B. came up early Monday a.m. but I had been up since six and had a fire going in the kitchen. Shortly before seven a.m. came our two carpenters. We watched them get out of their car and take a long look about. Then B.B. boomed from the door, "Come in boys." They came, they looked. "You did quite a job here," said the elder, a thin, darkish ageless-looking man, evidently the senior in rank.

"Sure did," said B.B. "What do you think can be done about it?"

"That," said Buster noncommittally (I later asked his name, he said it was Eldred but to call him Buster. I introduced him to all as Mr. Eldred and only learned the last day he was here that his name was Eldred Dunn) "depends upon what you want and what you expect."

B.B. knew at once that he had a treasure, a kind of workman seldom found anymore. He told him he knew it would be a terribly slow job. Each new rafter and crossbeam would have to be cut a different size to fit into this old house. If possible to patch up some of the old walls partly standing instead of having all new ones, if Buster knew how to do it, to go ahead, B.B. would help or not as he liked, would go for supplies and run errands. Buster cast a sharp eye in my direction, but looked directly at B.B. "Will she be satisfied with that kind of a job?"

"Perfectly," said B.B., rolling a wicked eye at me. And so the two men decided to stay, went back to their car and brought in tools and dinner pails. I retired to my cave but came out at 10:30, poked up the fire, heated some beef stew, washed some bowls and spoons and called the men for a break. They enjoyed the soup and did not seem to mind that despite my attempts, it was impossible to serve it without a faint dusting of plaster on top. After the left in the late afternoon, B.B. said they had done a Herculean job. It seemed to me that everything was a worse mess than when they started.

Volunteer advocates needed

Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Services is looking for volunteer advocates to respond to its 24 hour crisis and support line and make a difference in the lives of people affected by sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse, stalking or sexual harassment.

Volunteer advocates listen and provide support, information, and referrals to people calling for assistance. Calls can require supporting some-

one through a difficult memory of childhood sexual abuse, providing support and education about available resources.

Volunteer advocates receive extensive training and support to prepare them for effectively responding to callers. The training provides insight and information in the areas of sexual harassment, stalking, child sexual abuse, sexual assault and the challenges faced

by survivors and their supporters. Volunteers are taught the various options and resources available for survivors of all ages in our communities and learn crisis intervention and advocacy skills through training and role-play scenarios with special emphasis placed on the importance of self-care.

Volunteer advocates are notified of calls that need to be responded to through their cell phones from the answering service. Allowing them to be on call from their homes and choose from a variety of scheduling options. A stipend is available for volunteer advocates who cover evening, weekend and holiday shifts.

Volunteer advocates must be over the age of 18, empathetic and dependable with access

to reliable transportation. All potential volunteers must complete the training and a screening process which includes criminal and DHHS background checks. No prior experience is necessary.

A new training session for volunteer advocates is scheduled to take place in towards the end of January 2014 at the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Oxford County Office in South Paris. Days and times of the training will be decided once all interviews are complete (trainings runs 4-6 weeks). To learn more about becoming a volunteer advocate please contact Lauren Dembski at 743-9777 ext.5. If you are unable to attend this session but are interested please still contact us so we can keep you informed of trainings in the future.

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